

# The Journal

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## Residents appeal school expansion plan

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO—A group of neighboring residents has filed an appeal of a use permit approved by the Planning Commission at its March 6 meeting. City Planner Ed Phillips said the El Cerrito City Council will probably consider the appeal of an expansion plan for the Tehiyah Day School at its April 15 meeting.

Opposing residents have raised concerns about existing traffic, parking, noise and maintenance problems and object to a proposed increase in student population and increased physical development of the site.

Among other issues raised in a cover letter to the appeal signed by Steven Magyary, "in behalf of the residents on Carquinez and Tassajara," are "moral/financial concerns as to the degree the city should allow extensive and regular use of the parks (and) promote a policy that is denuding the public schools of the best and brightest (thereby creating a two tier school system, one for the disadvantaged/ middle class and the other for the wealthy)."

Tehiyah Day School is a religious school, oriented toward those who wish a Jewish education for their children.

The letter also accused the Planning Commission of being "oblivious to neighborhood concerns."

Alan and Christina Torres are among a group of neighbors who contributed funds for the appeal fee. Both have major concerns about existing traffic and maintenance issues.

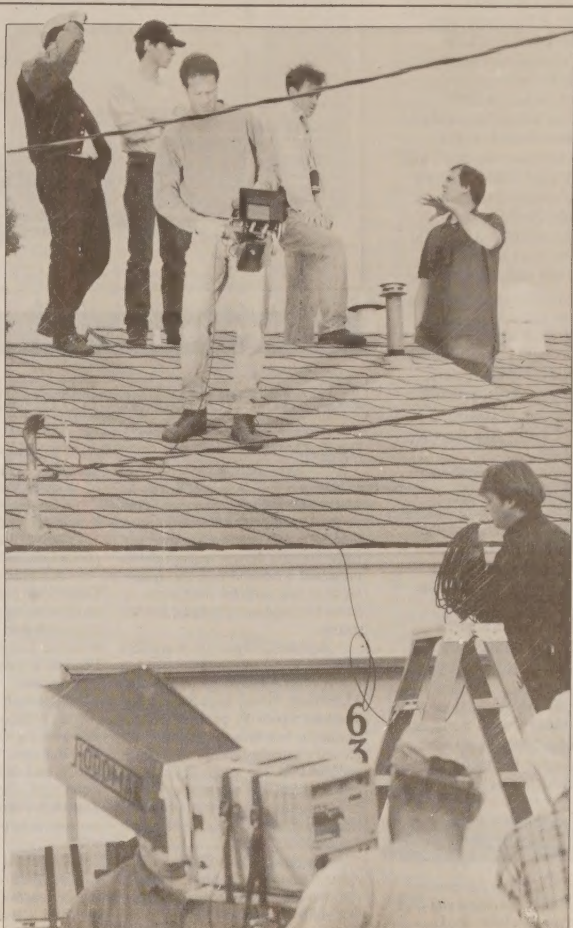
"There's litter ... and erosion, dirt and rocks falling down the (hill). It's hazardous if you're walking down the sidewalk," said Christina Torres.

As for traffic, she said, "it's already hard for us to get to Barrett when parents are dropping off their children at school or picking them up. We have to drive all the way around to get to our house."

Alan Torres agreed that those were important concerns. He also supported the parks issue raised by Magyary in his letter and discussed at some length by the City Council at a previous meeting.

"Their stance is that they will use the public park across the street every day," said Torres, who is the father of a young child and expects to use the park

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Chester King Vega

## TV action comes to El Cerrito

A film crew prepared to shoot a scene for a California Lottery commercial on Alameda Street last week. Local Manager Ed French gave high praise to local officials and police, calling their efforts "nothing short of spectacular" in filming the commercial, which is set to air April 8.

## RCD needs city loan to build at Villa Motel

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—The city will soon have a chance to help create its first affordable housing project, which would be built in late 1997 on the site of the Villa Motel.

According to Jack Gardener, executive director for Berkeley non-profit developer Resources for Community Development, a low-interest, \$120,000 loan and a \$10,000 planning grant from the city would enable RCD to get the ball rolling on a 14 to 17 unit affordable housing project on the site of the now-vacant San Pablo Avenue motel. The project, which stalled last year when RCD was unable to get a good price on the property, might also include a small creek-side park on the Berkeley-Albany border.

"We need somebody to take the first step," said Gardener, explaining the long and complicated process re-

quired to bring the project to fruition. Calling the grant and loan "seed money," Gardener said that the city-donated funds would "legitimize" the project and enable RCD to develop it to the point where it could go after the larger county and state grants that would make affordable housing in Albany a reality.

The problem accomplishing this kind of project, according to Gardener, is finding an agency willing to be the first to provide funding. The paradox is that without a solid plan in place, it's nearly impossible to get the money to make the project go forward and RCD needs money to draft a solid plan.

City funding for the proposed project, however, might be relatively easy to acquire. According to Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky and Albany City Administrator Daren Fields, the city has unallocated federal Community Development Block Grant funds left

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## Fire strikes high school

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — A Tuesday morning fire ravaged one of three portable classrooms at MacGregor Continuation High School, adjacent to Cougar Field on the El Cerrito border.

The blaze destroyed the school's Science and Technology classroom, causing severe damage to the structure and the loss of computer equipment. No injuries were reported.

According to Albany Fire Captain Dustyn Wiggins the fire apparently started in the ceiling after the structure's heating system overheated.

"It appears to have started in the duct work in between the drop ceiling and the roof. It had a programmable, electronic thermostat. It looks like it overheated in the duct work without the fan working," Wiggins said.

The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. Wiggins said a teacher discovered smoke and called 911 at 9:45 a.m. The fire was extinguished within 45 minutes with the aid of three fire engines on scene.

Assistant Superintendent Stanley Maleski said the school remained closed on Wednesday, with school's 45 students scheduled to return to classes on today.

## Albany revamps transit plan

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — The concept of a Transit Preferential Plan plan to reduce traffic congestion, air pollution and get "underoccupied private automobiles" off some city streets, presented by Councilmember Bruce Mast at last

Councilmember Robert Good, however, found the proposal as written to be "draconian." Though he endorses the "transit-oriented society" envisioned in the Mast plan, he said, "If we develop a hostile atmosphere for cars, it does not mean people will suddenly ride bi-

ported. Mast rewrote his plan "to broaden the scope" and the revised proposal was approved by the Traffic and Safety Commission last week.

The Transit Preferential Plan establishes as official city policy that alternative transportation and public transit be given priority over single occupancy vehicles on as-yet undetermined streets to be designated "transit streets." Conflicts between public transit and one-occu-

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ALBANY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

cycles."

The council voted, with Mast abstaining, to refine the language before returning the resolution to the council for approval.

"The general sense of the council was that the initial proposal was too rigid and limiting," Community Development and Environmental Resources Director Bill E Kern re-

ported cars will be resolved in favor of public transit, "giving due consideration to the environmental, economic, health and social equity impacts of the conflicting mode choices."

While details of the transit street system are left to Community Development and Traffic and Safety, See TRANSIT, page 16



## Unintentional visit

An elderly man lost control of his car on Solano Avenue on March 28 when he apparently suffered a black out. The man's car hit a parked car on Solano Avenue before crashing through the wall of the Salvation Army store in the mid-day accident. Albany Police Sgt. Richard Haugner said there were no other injuries reported, though the driver "was a little dazed and confused when we got there."

## Tough battle ahead for Vista College de-annexation

By Will Harper

Vista College's struggle for independence from the Peralta Community College District began this week with mixed success.

On Monday the Peralta board of directors declined to take action on the Berkeley college's proposal to secede from the district, but both the chancellor and the teachers' union expressed opposition to the move.

A report by Peralta Chancellor Harrison warned that the de-annexation could cause the district to suffer a \$1.8 million to \$2.8 mil-

lion deficit that would force layoffs and program cuts. He also said that taxes could go up for some cities in the Peralta district.

Bob Grill, president of the 850-member Peralta Federation of Teachers, said the numbers provided by Vista advocates just didn't add up and relied too heavily on "what might happen." Grill said he feared Vista's de-annexation could result in layoffs.

"It's putting too much hope on a 'maybe.' That's not something I feel comfortable having the jobs of the members of our union relying on," Grill said in an interview prior

to Monday's board meeting. However, Grill said the union did support finding a permanent site for Vista.

The Peralta board will reconsider Vista's bid to secede at its April 9 meeting, board member Tom Brougham said.

Meanwhile, the Albany Board of Education gave a thumbs-up to the college's

de-annexation bid. The board voted after hearing more than an hour's testimony from both sides.

"As far as I can see every contact I've had with the Peralta administration has been a negative one, as

opposed to every contact I've had with Vista's administration has been a positive one," School Board member Ed McManus said.

Last Wednesday night the Berkeley Board of Education was scheduled to consider the secession proposal. Emeryville's school board is supposed to consider the matter in April.

The complex de-annexation process requires approval from three out of four affected school boards — Peralta, Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville. If that happens, then Vista must negotiate an agreement with the Peralta district. If the two

sides can't settle, the matter would go to arbitration. Voters in the district have the final say.

The de-annexation bid followed the Peralta board's latest rejection to fund construction for a permanent site for Vista. Currently, the college leases a three-story commercial building at 2020 Milvia St. for approximately \$500,000 a year, sources said. About 40 percent of its classes are held at UC Berkeley.

Supporters of the proposed de-annexation say the district—which also includes Laney, Merritt, and the College of Alameda—has used money generated by the Berkeley

college to help cash-poor Peralta colleges. As a result, they say, Vista has been underfunded and unable to offer the range of educational programs it should.

"The reason we're engaged in this is to make Vista all it can be," said Assemblyman Tom Bates, D-Berkeley. "We feel it's been held down and basically used as a cash-cow for other parts of the Peralta District. We want the money to stay home."

Some 4,000 total students, or the equivalent of 1,500 full-time students,

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## Good old days at the movies long gone

THE GOOD OLD DAYS at the picture show were definitely different from pushing a tape into the VCR and sitting on the couch in your nightshirt. Bette Davis' eyes three feet wide, the smell of the popcorn, laughing in concert with your fellows, crying in the dark and dabbing your cheeks with embarrassment when the lights go up.

My youth was misspent, or maybe not, at the Geauga Theater in Chardon, Ohio. The picture changed four times a week. I was usually there with my dime at the ready to see the same movie twice on weeknights and three times on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. I'd come out saying that was the best picture I'd ever seen. And maybe it was. Those movies have gone down in history as the Golden Age of Film.

EVERY BLUE MOON or so I stroll down Solano to the Albany or up to the Oaks if there's a double feature, but the thrill is gone. Movies nowadays seem to be made by boys for boys. If I never again see boy finds sex, boy finds dope, boy comes of age, boy grapples with father, it will be soon enough for me. Or maybe it's the people talking during the picture as if they were home watching teevee or the \$7 ticket and the \$4 popcorn or just finding a place to park.

About the time I walked out on two of the worst movies ever made, "Prospero's Books", with Sir John Gielgud naked, and "Something Something Idaho", starring the late River Phoenix, I began making weekly trips to the Five Star Video. Now, if I choose wrong, I fast forward through the muck or push the stop button and watch "Cops."

I OFTEN PICK PICTURES by who's in them. Harrison Ford, for instance, can do no wrong, the new "Sabrina" excepted. Robert Redford cancels out the pie-faced Demi Moore and like that. So it was that two weeks ago I rented "Copycat" to see what Sigourney Weaver was up to and to see Harry Connick, Jr., away from his piano, as a bad guy.

"Copycat" tips its hand right away: Sigourney is strung up in a toilet and tortured by the title serial killer (not Harry Connick who turns out to be merely a subsidiary psychopath). Traumatized into agoraphobia, she spends the rest of the movie in her beautiful San Francisco apartment, foul of mouth, crazed with terror.

### Letters to the Editor

#### And the winner was...

Editor:

Upon reading the March 14 article by Bill Paul regarding the Dole Flight, I would like to add the following: The winner was Art Gobel and Martin Jensen came in second. At that time I was interested in airplanes and followed the flight also.

About one year later Martin Jensen flew the same plane up to Lower Lake, CA to deliver a rescuistator for a drowning victim. He landed the plane in a field and I was able to view the plane close up and meet Jensen in person. I was so impressed I made a wooden model of that plane and I still have it.

In the 1920s there was a small airport on the Berkeley/Albany line. I-80 now goes through the old airport. A World War II biplane bomber had to land there due to the heavy fog at Crissy Field, its destination. Living on Curtis Street, I spent a great deal of time at the airport watching the planes.

Airport personnel built a small plane. A pilot, Harry Abbott, was flying it around the 60 foot tall concrete chimney there and lost control and was killed instantly 75 feet from where I was standing. This experience was enough for a young boy to lose a bit of his enthusiasm for flying. The concrete chimney still stands.

Charlie Tronoff  
Albany

#### Waste of resources

Editor:

In recent weeks Jerri Holan, Suzanne Murphy, and John Shively have fired another blast at an Albany official who is doing his job. Just what is wrong with these people? An impartial Alameda county Superior Court Judge just ruled that the City of Albany acted properly. CRC says that the Superior court Judge is wrong and they plan on filing an appeal. In their efforts they take money from card clubs in Emeryville and misrepresent facts to get the Sierra Club and the City of Berkeley to join them in their legal battle against Albany.

Who does CRG care about? Certainly not the City



By Phyllis Lyon

MEANWHILE, HOLLY HUNTER, a cute higher-up in the police department, goes after the killer who is imitating the ways of Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, etc. She learns, pointedly, to keep shooting at bad guys until the gun's empty. The baby-faced boy kills, among several, a frowny woman who appears to be his mother. So much for motivation.

The plot is not the point. Where's the suspense when the nasty boy could have killed Sigourney or Holly ten times over, but just didn't. Everybody knows for sure you don't kill the stars. The point of this ugly, vicious movie is repeated and repeated pictures of semi-nude and mutilated women. Nothing more. It's making millions around the world and is big in video rentals, so I guess the boys the boys made it for love it. That's not just disgusting, it's pitiful.

PROVING ONCE AGAIN that you can't lose 'em all, last week I brought home "Babe." High drama, suspense, believable characters, humor, beautiful scenery — in short, a genuine adult movie. "Babe" is so good, in fact, everybody does not know for sure that the star won't get eaten.

There will be no recounting of the plot here to spoil it for the men, women, children and vegetarians (except ducks) in Albany who will love "Babe" as much as I do. Remembering the funky lines around Mr. Ed's lips when he talked, I was amazed by the new technology in animal mouths. I was tickled off the couch by the three-mouse chorus singing "Blue Moon" and the "Toreador Song." It's true that polite is better than mean and that the silly idea rattling around in my head might work if I'd just give it a try.

"BABE" IS AN AUSTRALIAN production. Chauvinism and wishful thinking prevent me from concluding that the Boys of Hollywood have sunk so low that they are no longer able to create a picture show as humane and original as "Babe" is.

of Albany! If they did, they would stop their mean-spirited effort of slandering Albany officials and they would drop their lawsuit, which is a loser and is wasting community resources.

Jeanetta Lewis  
Albany

#### Too much, too soon

Editor:

Wednesday, March 6, saw 20 to 30 concerned parents and students crowd into the board meeting of the West County School District, to argue their case against the proposed block scheduling for El Cerrito High School.

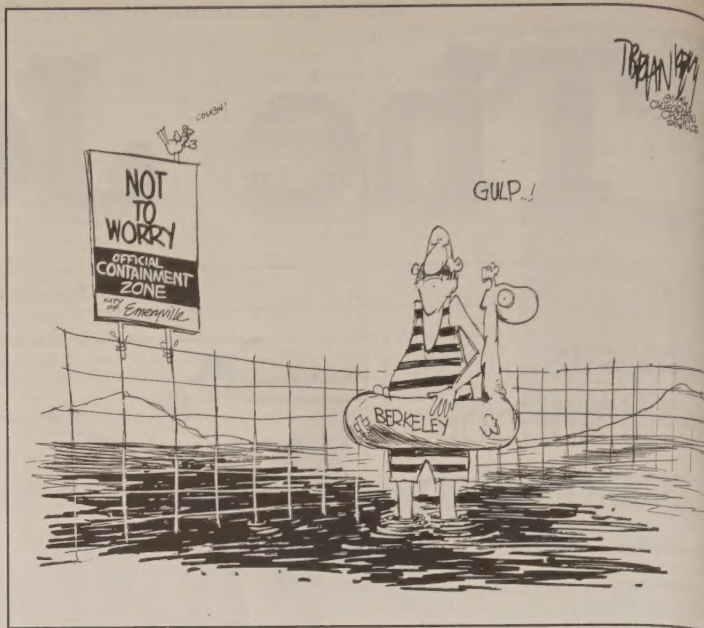
It was suggested to put this forward to a later date, and in retrospect, this should have happened — hindsight is always 20/20 — so there would have been another "Mock Block" and its inadequacies, fresher in everyone's mind, to add to the arguments. I am not against the idea of block scheduling. It has many very valid points. I am absolutely opposed to the complete semester blocks proposed for El Cerrito High School.

This week is the first of two "Mock Block weeks. Next week will be a heavy one — History, English and Math. But this week, my ninth-grader has Art, Biology and P.E. 90 minutes of Art if doing a project in which you are interested is all right; 90 minutes of P.E., if you are playing a serious game of basketball, and if that is your interest, is fine (my son is in an extracurricular sport for which he gets no credit, and is not a basketball player although he does his best); and 90 minutes of Biology which needed more than a standard class time.

The biology teacher, knowing she would be absent for three of the five days of this week (this equates to six days of the school year), told the students ahead of time what to expect — standard-length class from a substitute with a standard class length of Jurassic Park. I am not the only parent, I'm sure, who objects to paying hard-earned tax dollars for U.A. 101, when I have already paid United Artists or Zyfy for the privilege. This time can never be made up.

Do some teachers care so little for the integrity of their programs?

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### Police Reports

## Albany police seeking video store robbery suspect

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 8 p.m. on March 24 a man entered a video store on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue, brought two videos to the counter and when the cash drawer was opened he presented a demand note for money. He then fled, with the cash, south on Santa Fe Boulevard. Police are investigating.

At about 2:45 p.m. on March 25 a 15-year-old Albany boy was assaulted by two other Albany boys, ages 14 and 15, while at Albany High School. The attackers reportedly punched the victim in the face then got him onto the ground where they continued to punch and kick him. The victim was not seriously injured and the attackers were brought to the Albany station and released to their parents with a Notice to Appear.

On the afternoon of March 28 an Albany man brought his 15-year-old son into the Albany station to report that while his son was getting something out of his locker at Albany High School, he was hit in the jaw and the left eye by another 15-year-old Albany boy. The incident was documented. The parent then went to the School District offices to talk with the superintendent about the incident. The superintendent called police reporting that the parent was creating a disturbance and refusing to leave. The parent left when officers arrived and advised the parent regarding trespassing.

At about 5 p.m. on March 27 a man broke into a residence on the 900 block of Neilson Street, while the bedridden resident was at home, and prowled the house. He stole various items and departed out the front door. He was described as a black male in his 60s, 6-foot 2-inches tall, weighing 200 pounds, with black hair, wearing a brown leather baseball cap, brown leather jacket and black pants. Police are investigating.

On the afternoon of March 27 an elderly man on the 900 block of Ordway Street reported that he was approached by two men who drove into his driveway and offered to cut his shrubs for money. While one of the men, who he described as a white male, 35-years-old, 5-foot 11-inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, with brown hair, and light colored trousers, distracted him the other man entered his house, broke open a steel cabinet and stole cash and property. He described the second man as a Hispanic male, 35-years-old, 5-foot 11-inches tall, weighing 150 pounds with

black hair, brown eyes and a thick mustache, wearing black pants and black shoes. Police are investigating.

On the evening of March 24 thieves broke the window of a blue 1991 Toyota Previa van, stole a cellular phone from inside.

A resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street parked his car on the street on the evening of March 22. When he returned to it on March 25 he found that someone had attempted to steal the JVC am/fm cassette stereo. There were no witnesses.

At about 2 a.m. on March 26 Albany officers observed a Berkeley man weaving while driving a blue 1982 VW Vanagon. When officers stopped him he backed into the patrol car after stopping. He failed the Field Sobriety Test with a score of .22/.23 and was arrested, to be cited and released when sober.

At about 8 p.m. on March 26 Albany officers observed a man climbing the fence of a business on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue. When questioned, the man could not give a valid reason for being on the property. A check of his car revealed two wooden pallets which he admitted taking. He was arrested.

At about 3 a.m. on March 27 Albany officers observed a Santa Clara man driving his 1971 VW bug at 50 to 55 MPH on San Pablo Avenue and honking his horn. He appeared to be intoxicated, failed the Field Sobriety Test and was arrested to be cited and released when sober.

At about 4 a.m. on March 27 the security guard at a complex on the 500 block of Pierce Street found a car which a vandal had broken the side-view mirrors, scratched the paint and punctured the four tires. He had observed another resident of the complex near the car. Police are investigating.

On March 27 Albany officers were notified that on March 25 a San Leandro man had been arrested for robbery of the Bank of America in Albany, Lafayette, and Oakland, as well as two commercial robberies in Oakland.

On the evening of March 27 thieves broke into a 1995 Nissan Pathfinder parked on the 1100 block of Washington Avenue, stole various items including a cellular phone and departed unseen.

On the night of March 27 an Orinda man observed a shattered window at St. Mary's High School gymnasium. Several students had heard pellet gun fire and had observed a Ventura

Avenue boy in the area. The mother was contacted who said her son had accidentally broken the window and would pay for the damage.

An Albany woman phoned a wedding ring and some change in an ashtray of her car prior to leaving through a local car wash. The ring was missing when the car was returned and a search by management failed to locate the ring.

At about 2:30 a.m. on March 26 Albany man returned from Oakland a cab. When the cab stopped, the man ran into his house without paying and would not answer the door. Albany police contacted the man by phone and he paid the cab fare.

On the afternoon of March 27, 27-year-old Albany man, shown outstanding warrants from El Cerrito County, was observed near Walnut and Cornell avenues and was arrested. During booking he was found to be in possession of narcotics. He has two prior convictions on this and was cited accordingly.

During the early morning hours of March 28 thieves stole two cars from a yard on the 1500 block of Street and departed unseen.

During the early morning hours of March 29 vandals attempted to remove the wheels and tires from a 1994 car parked on the 500 block of the Avenue but departed without the items, leaving behind a pair of some wrenches.

On the morning of March 29 a 1996 Geo Tracker car dealership on the 900 block of Albany Avenue.

On the morning of March 29 thieves broke the gate at a residence on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard entered the yard and stole a BMX mountain bike. There were no witnesses.

A thief stole a watch and a bag from a clothes bag, belonging to Cerrito man, while it was hanging in the locker room at Albany Pool. There were no witnesses.

Just after midnight on March 28 a resident on the 1100 block of Walnut Avenue observed two thieves take two hubcaps from her car. When she yelled at them.

During the week of March 27 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, towed and responded to 11 false alarms, and two deceased animals, assisted people who were locked out of their homes and responded to two reports of barking dogs.

## El Cerrito resident attacked, suspect flees

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An El Cerrito woman was attacked in the 600 block of Kearney Street at about 3:30 a.m. March 16. The male suspect slapped her and pushed her down, attempting to take her shopping bag; he fled when a nearby resident came outside.

The suspect was described as having a light brown complexion, between 18 and 25 years of age, of medium height and weight, wearing a dark jacket. The victim had just exited her vehicle and felt she may have been followed.

An El Cerrito woman reported that a Richmond man grabbed her purse and pushed her from a moving vehicle at about 7 p.m. March 18 in the 700 block of Albarbar.

A Richmond male juvenile is accused of hitting a Portola student in the 7300 block of Moers Lane at 8:15 a.m. March 29.

A Richmond male juvenile and an El Sobrante male juvenile are accused of attacking a Portola student, punching him and grabbing away his glasses on the afternoon of March 13. The incident occurred at Moers and Pomona between 2:55 p.m. and 3:10 p.m.

p.m.

A man was accused of brandishing a pickaxe in the 1400 block of Navellier Street March 26 at 11:40 p.m.

Three air guns were confiscated from juveniles shooting them on the hill at Blake Street and Navellier at 4:19 p.m. March 15.

Fireworks were confiscated from a man reported to be setting them off on the BART path north of Waldo at 3:25 p.m. March 26.

A Richmond male juvenile, identified as a suspect in a strong arm robbery, was located at San Pablo and Waldo; he was riding a bike taken in the theft. The arrest was made at about 3:38 p.m. March 22.

Two residential burglaries were reported in the 1300 block of Contra Costa Boulevard. A television, stereo, cash, jewelry and other items were reported after a heavy ransack during the daytime March 15; cash was taken from a residence during the daytime March 27.

AVCR and a television were taken from a home in the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue during the daytime March 25; the burglar entered a window of the home.

An occupied residence was bur-

glarized in the 5700 block of Albany Avenue between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. March 17; a purse and wallet were taken from a table.

Someone removed a window entered a home in the 1000 block of Arlington Boulevard during the time March 20. The home was ransacked; nothing was reported missing.

Someone cut the wire across a residential rear yard in the 7500 block of Potrero Avenue during the night March 19. Bonsai trees were damaged.

Five auto burglaries were reported. A stereo was taken from a car parked in the 1700 block of Lincoln at about 5:30 p.m. March 28. A stereo was taken from the 2000 block of San Carlos Street between March 24 and 25.

A cellular phone was taken from a 2500 block of Carquinez Boulevard March 17 and 21. VCR tapes were taken from a car parked in the block of Avila Street at about 9:45 p.m. March 14; two suspects were identified including one male juvenile. A passport, driver's license, and other car parts were taken from a vehicle on the 6200 Cypress Avenue. See BLOTTER, page 3

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# District avoids contract stalemate

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — The Albany Unified School District avoided a budget stalemate with the Albany Teachers Association this week after teachers beseeched the school board at its last meeting to continue negotiations.

The district had put the teachers' union on notice last week that it intended to declare impasse on negotiations over this year's contract involving three negotiating items for which no agreement could be reached.

In particular, ATA negotiator Don De Pasquale said, the district refused to discuss inclusion of medical coverage for heterosexual domestic partners, with an estimated cost to the district between \$16,000 and \$18,000.

"From one point of view it's not a big amount of money, on the flip point of view it involves a significant difference of philosophy," De Pasquale said in an interview last week.

"This is the '90s. We're not going to make a distinction on what a family should be. We don't think there are going to be a lot of people who take it (the benefit)," he added.

Other issues remaining unresolved in the teachers' 1995-96 contract include the district's policy on teacher transfers and evaluations.

Teachers turned out to the school board's meeting in mass last Tuesday upon hearing the news that district negotiators recommended declaring impasse. The declaration would require a state mediator to come in to attempt to reach an agreement between parties.

"Our problem with that is if they're not willing to talk about those issues now what is there to negotiate. It's a stalling tactic. We'd rather make our stand now," De Pasquale said.

And that is exactly what teachers did, filling chairs and lining the walls in Cornell School's multi-use room to express their dissatisfaction with the process last Tuesday.

"I don't understand (why there is a bias against heterosexual couples). It's a discriminatory policy that you embrace. We couldn't even get a discussion over what you believe in," Albany High School teacher David DeHart told board members.

In an about face March 28, the district sent a memo to the ATA rescinding its move to impasse and agreeing to include the three disputed issues in negotiations for the 1996-97 teachers contract scheduled to begin later this month.

"After thinking about this further we believe this is a more constructive approach than proceeding to impasse," the memo from Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Stanley Maleski reads.

School Board President Alan Riffer said Tuesday the offer to negotiate items in next year's contract was made after it became apparent that teachers would prefer that to declaring impasse on this year's contract.

"We hope we can get to a resolution. There were discussions where the ATA thought negotiations could be productive," Riffer said, adding that he doesn't think declaring impasse would have necessarily been unproductive.

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Christian Trachiera made his Easter bonnet at Cafe Crayon's pre-Easter party.

## Gearing up for Easter

ALBANY — The Easter Bunny will arrive at Albany Memorial Park on a fire truck on Saturday, April 6, for a morning of fun and games at the Spring Fair.

The Easter Bunny will pose for pictures with children of all ages, so be sure to bring your cameras. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. sharp and will be divided by age level so that all children can participate. The games, Astrojump, and arts and crafts booths will open after the hunt and continue until noon. Admission to the hunt is free, tickets to participate in other activities will be on sale. Two free puppet shows will be given at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Albany Memorial Park is located at Portland and Ramona streets. The annual event is run by the Albany Preschool in association with the City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department, with donations from businesses, and service organizations.

## Easter celebration in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — Get on over to the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the City of El Cerrito at the Arlington Park, 1120 Arlington Blvd. on Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m.

The hunt is available because of generous donations of the following: El Cerrito Fire Fighters Association, El Cerrito Rotary Club, See's Candy, El Cerrito Electric, El Cerrito/Albany Kiwanis Club, El Cerrito Lions Club and El Cerrito Lumber.

The Easter Bunny will be on hand to give treats and take pictures with your children. Rain or shine the hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. If you would like to make a donation or for further information, call 215-4375.

# High school students take honors

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Two El Cerrito High School students won top honors at the Bay Area Science Fair in March. Seniors Jennifer Lee and Craig Pollack took first place honors in their divisions and won other awards at the regional competition.

Lee also captured one of two senior division grand prizes awarded at the fair. Along with Petros Minasi, a junior at San Francisco's St. Ignace College Preparatory School, she will represent the Bay Area at the International Science Fair in Tucson, along with students from 32 other countries.

Lee also won the Theodore W. Beck Award for overall performance. This is the first year for the award to be presented. Beck was a founder of the fair; this is the first year he was not able to attend.

Pollack also won the Alameda/Contra Costa Counties Mathematics Division's award and an award from the National Council of Mathematics Teachers.

In winning first place for seniors in mathematics, Pollack accomplished a four-year first place sweep of his category.

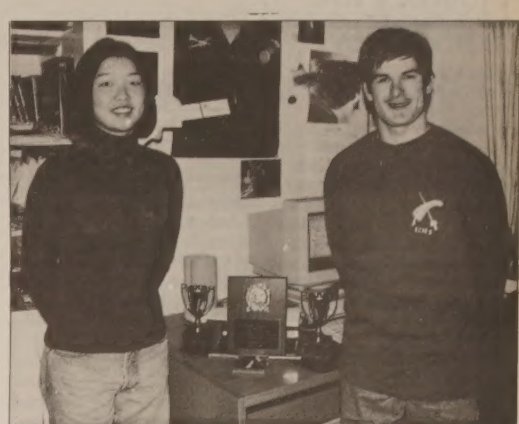
As a freshman, Pollack won first place with a number sorting project. For the past three years, he has pursued a number cycling project, another first place winner.

"Number theory is really fascinating to me, and to two of my teachers," he said, crediting computer science teacher Norm Seraphim and math teacher Sanford Berman with encouraging his interest and his ongoing project.

Seraphim is an active supporter of the West Contra Costa County science fair; Pollack has taken first place in his category in both fairs all for years.

In his study, Pollack explored the ramifications of the Reversing Number Algorithm, by which a number is repeatedly added to its reverse until it becomes a palindrome. It has been thought that all numbers eventually will become palindromic.

Over the past three years, he has developed and explored patterns and



ECHS seniors Jennifer Lee and Craig Pollack took first place awards at the regional science fair.

measurements for predicting the cycling of numbers, among other issues.

Lee's project combines her interests in music and physics. Her investigation of harmonics with the clarinet earned her first place honors in physical science, as well as the grand prize at the science fair.

Her project was designed to determine whether the clarinet is more related to a stopped pipe or an open pipe instrument. The subject was suggested to her by her physics teacher, Bob Fabini, also an active supporter of West County's science fair.

"We're required to do a project in our physics class," she said. "I've played clarinet since the fourth grade, but I don't know much about it. I knew how to play it, but I wanted to find out more so my playing technique and playing ability would improve."

"Mr. Fabini wanted to learn whether the clarinet is more related to the stopped pipe or open pipe instruments. He had asked a few students to explore it before, but none of them had been successful. He wanted to know the answer, and so I did."

Fabini supplied her with physics books; her private music teacher, Jim Russel, also helped, introducing her to books and discussing different concepts with her.

Fabini suggested that Lee design her own model clarinet or use her own for the experiments; she decided to do both in designing her project.

She compared note values to the

flute and oboe with her own clarinet; all three instruments are about the same length.

Lee also designed her own clarinet, using a PVC pipe, coupling and a clarinet mouthpiece, drilling holes in the appropriate spots for play.

She charted values of notes she played and attempted to blow both odd and even harmonics, recording the results.

In researching the physical properties of the instruments, including sound, waves and frequencies, Lee was actually conducting research in physics.

At the county level, Lee only placed second in her category; that made the surprise even greater when she succeeded so well in the regional competition.

Lee devotes much of her time to her musical talents. She played in the school bands at Kensington Elementary School and Adams Middle School. She's in the symphonic band and the marching band at ECHS and serves as the concert mistress of the Bay Area Wind Symphony, which performs at Zellerbach Auditorium twice each year. The group also tours every other year; she's accompanied the group to Japan and will go to Norway and Sweden this summer.

She is currently the student body president at ECHS. She's considering U.C. campuses for college next year. At this point, she said, she's down to two choices: UCLA and UC-San Diego. She's thinking about majoring

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# Board decision has little impact on Portola classes

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The WCCUSD school board's recent decision to reinstate six period class-days at district middle schools may affect other schools in the district far more directly than Portola Middle School. While middle school sixth periods were dropped several years ago as a cost-cutting measure, Portola's have continued under a special funding program.

"We use money we're getting from Voluntary Integration Programs," said principal Marcia Hataye. "The purpose of the VIP is to try to balance the schools racially. Portola is predominantly African American; having a sixth period makes the school more attractive to other students."

According to Hataye, Portola is the only school which has been able

to continue offering six periods utilizing other sources of funding.

Now that the school district will be funding the sixth period, she looks forward to funding other kinds of attractive programming at the school.

The sixth period has allowed students like seventh-grader Robert Bickham to study an elective along with the courses they are required to take. He has to take science, math, English, history and physical education; he opted for a fifth academic course as his one elective.

"It was hard to decide which elective to take, but I have family members who speak Spanish, so I decided to take that," he said.

At Adams Middle School (located in Richmond but a "neighborhood" school for many El Cerrito students),

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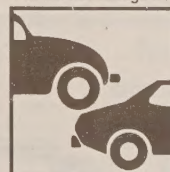
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## A journey to Death Valley

Death Valley. Even its name is shrouded in deep and hidden meanings. We don't even really know who dubbed it Death Valley, or, for certain, why, though the supposition is that so many people have died trying to traverse the not and pitiless area.

But there is so much more to it. Incredible beauty, wonders of nature and people who are somehow shaped by, what, the stark beauty? The strong winds and bright, bright sun? So much that one cannot put one's finger on it. But, we now know, there is no place just like it anywhere else in the world.

The beauty is what remains with me most strongly. As we drove from on "point of interest" to another, we passed hills of such beauty that one could almost believe they were not real. Striated by rocks and wind, colored by a wealth of minerals, no two were alike, yet all had that almost unearthly beauty.

At one point we passed three peaks that I decided had to have been decorated by different designers, much as rooms in "designer homes" are decorated for the viewing public. One had slanted lines of color that look as if someone had measured very carefully to get them at just the right angle in just the right color. Pink and green dominated that color scheme. The one next to it had vertical lines in which blues, lavenders and pale greens blended beautifully. The third, sporting strong horizontal lines of rock, had only shadings of the color amidst its browns. What a decorator!

There is even an area called the Artist's Pallet which did, indeed, look as if an artist had wiped the color off his brush in broad strokes of green, pink and lavender.

And we drove from one vista to another, each more unbelievable than the other. Because my notes are scattered and vague, I am not going to try to remember which was which. I can only describe the one that truly look like a moonscape; one had a river of bright white salt so long and undulating that even the people who take pictures for postcards have not been able to photograph it adequately.

We were on one of the Oakland Museum History Guild (and, in this case, the National Science Guild) trips that are always so wonderfully well planned and executed, that they open a whole world to the

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



participants.

And our leaders had done their homework. With a bus driver who had extensive experience and knowledge to add tidbits to what Joan Trujillo, Diane Judd and Shirley Smith had learned, we were given background on everything from the California Water Project and the wind farms to the agriculture and the culture of the area we passed.

Our first visit was to Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park where a ranger, young and passionate about "his" park made it come alive for us. This was the town that had been built by Colonel Allensworth as an African-American city. In the school house, in the hotel, in the library and in the few houses that were left, one could almost see the happy, productive life that was lived here. Michael, our guide, is continuing to do research on the people, the life and the unfortunate demise of the town. Fascinating.

Red Rock Canyon State Park was another unexpected joy. Few of us even knew of its existence and, indeed, it has only been a state park for some 20 or 30 years. But what a park. Few trees, and those mostly planted around the visitors' center or some such entity. Only, as in Death Valley, stark hills rising steeply from the valley roads. There is one area that looks as if it had been transported in its entirety from the Grand Canyon. And others that looked as if a giant sculptor had been at work. Magnificent. It is little known but well worth the time and drive to visit it.

Again, we had a ranger who was passionate about it, and who knew every little ridge. He hopes that groups such as ours will pass the word about this wondrous land.

Not everything was the beauty of nature, of course. We visited Scotty's Castle (built not by Scotty but by the Johnsons who were content to let Death Valley Scotty claim it as his. I was even able to regale my fellow travelers about my own meeting with Scotty when, as a timid girl of 15, I had a summer job on the switchboard in a Los Angeles hotel where Scotty stayed

whenever he was in L.A. A gross, rather horrible old man, he was delighted by my "sweet voice" and tipped me a dollar whenever he came to the desk, thus causing me to be resented by the bellmen who received only a quarter when they did anything for him.

And we visited the "opera house" where a 71-year-old former ballerina entertained, writing her own stories, choreographing her own dancing (some of it on her toes) and even sort of singing, with the help of one devoted cast member, an elderly man with a dry wit, who was everything from a chorus girl, a rather horrible old woman to an army officer.

But the wonder of the opera house was what Marta, the ballerina, had painted around the wall. Wanting an audience at all times (she danced whether there was anyone there or not) she had painted her audience: A king and queen, nuns and monks, people out of opera and song, all sitting in opera house type boxes around the walls. And even painted a beautiful ceiling. She had bought the building some 25 years ago, and has been working on it ever since. Wonderful.

And we visited Rhyolite, a ghost town in Nevada, where still stands the house made of bottles which was built by a 76-year-old miner in 1906. Our hosts here were a couple from Oregon who come down for about eight months every year, live in their mobile home, dress in the style of the town's time and, again, know every stone that is left.

Six days of discovery, wonder, awe and fun. Love these Oakland Museum trips!

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## New club to hold charter night

KENSINGTON—A new Lions Club is coming to Kensington on Friday, April 12, when over 20 men and women celebrate the charter night of their new Kensington Lions Club at "385 Colusa Avenue" Restaurant, Bar and Supper Club at 6:30 p.m.

During the ceremonies, Lions District Governor Tom Lemasney will present the members of the new club with their official charter. Dr. Bill Iannaccone, Past International Director, will be the guest speaker on behalf of Lions Clubs International, and will lead the installation of officers. Members of the Albany Lions Club, who sponsored the formation of the Kensington Lions Club, will also be on hand to congratulate the new club.

"I am proud to welcome these men and women as fellow Lions. Kensington will be proud too, to have such a fine group serving the community," said Elwood Bridges,

President of the Albany Lions Club.

Already, the Kensington Lions Club has completed two projects locally: In October they joined with the Kensington Community Council at its annual Open House, "An Afternoon in the Park," helping with ticket sales and fund-raising efforts. That same month, they sponsored a competition at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School to collect used eyeglasses for the International Lions In Sight Project. More than 320 pairs of eyeglasses were collected, and the Kensington Lions Club awarded first and second prizes to the classes collecting the most pairs.

The Kensington Lions Club plans to become involved with additional projects for the community such as beautification, public safety and education, and service to seniors and handicapped residents. With such goals in mind, they have already approached local churches, schools and community organizations with proposed projects, and

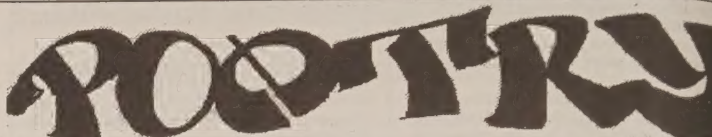
will be working to proceed with these projects soon.

Internationally, the Lions' primary service activity is Sight. A \$130 millionplus effort to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members, mostly men, in approximately 180 countries.

The Kensington Lions Club meets weekly for lunch on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at "385 Colusa" Restaurant, Bar and Supper Club, 385 Colusa Avenue, Kensington (by Colusa Circle). They welcome anyone from the area interested in finding out more about the Lions or possibly becoming a member.

Tickets for the charter night celebration are available through April 8 by contacting Susan Bailey, 2222 Arlington Ave., Kensington, 94705 or call 527-2224.



*Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.*

*Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.*

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### MY MOM

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When you read a story your voice is soft. You are sweeter than chocolate.

Jordan Bagley, second grade MacGregor Primary School

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I don't see the cause.  
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I see love and support  
I see HATE!  
I don't see the answers  
I see the search.

Ben de la Torre  
MacGregor High School

## Obituary

### Anthony Frank Pangrazio

Anthony Frank Pangrazio, a 76-year El Cerrito resident, died in his home March 17. He was 89.

A native of Cordelia, he was the retired owner of the 42nd Street Liquor Store in Oakland for 20 years and was a member of St. John the Baptist Church in El Cerrito, as

well as the Richmond Golf and Country Club.

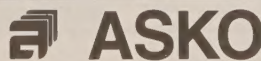
He is survived by his companion Millie Sanders of El Cerrito, his son Douglas Ray of Colma, his brother Arthur "Sharke" Pangrazio of Pinole and Sister Adeline Beaudry of El Cerrito.

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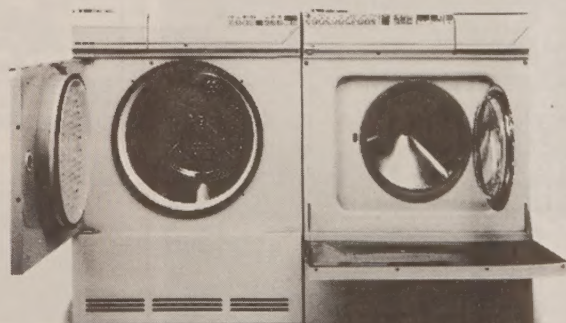
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# Albany PTA Council News

## Restoring class time a priority

By Peggy Thow

Restoring class time for the seventh through twelfth grades is top priority on PTA Council's list of recommendations to the school district's Program Budget Study Committee. After lengthy discussions at the March meeting, teachers and parents agreed that any surplus money from this year's budget should be applied first to restoring programs at Albany High School and Albany Middle School.

These schools have suffered a preponderance of program cuts for the last few years. Several speakers at the meeting expressed concern at the number of motivated Albany students who are choosing to attend Berkeley High and private schools in the area. Program sparsity has a lot to do with this phenomenon, it was felt.

Music Boosters President Denise Lahr said unequivocally that without new district funds going to music, the high school will lose its instrumental music program altogether. High school drama and journalism have suffered as well. There is no official school newspaper or journalism class at Albany High, and although drama students just put on an excellent show this weekend, they are organized more like a club than a class this year, with parents paying for what used to be available as curriculum. There is no chance of a spring musical this year.

As one parent pointed out, these (along with sports) are the very activities that build a sense of community in the high school, and for some students the experience of working on a school newspaper or in the school theater sparks interest

in keeping grades up or exploring new professional possibilities.

Given these realities, PTA Council voted to recommend additional periods of music, drama, journalism, and advanced computer classes at AHS. Next priority was given to restoring seventh period in the eighth grade, which would allow for greater elective choices, including full-year science for students who want it.

Expanding library staff at AHS was also on the list, as was restoring a seventh period in seventh grade. Art and music enrichment for kindergarten through fifth grade rounded out the list, which will now go to the Program/Budget study committee.

PTA Council acknowledged that there won't be enough money this year for everything on the list. However, the Program Budget Study committee has been directed by the School Board to gather ideas for future budgets, as well as for 1996-97.

This committee consists of parents, teachers, and community members, and will meet weekly until their own list is ready to present to the School Board. Anyone wishing to contribute ideas to the committee can contact PTA, who will forward letters to the committee or inform parents about upcoming meetings.

AMS meet postponed: The Albany Middle School PTA will not meet tonight. Instead it meetings on April 18. At the April meeting members will elect officers for next year.

Spring break for Albany schools is next week, from April 8 to April 12.



## Twice is nice

Jack and Josephine Ebey of Albany renewed their wedding vows Feb. 25 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Berkeley, the same church they were married in 51 years ago. The ceremony was officiated by Father Tom and witnessed by their grandson and daughter, Gino and Robbie Bush of Concord.

## West County School Watch

### Proposition 203 carries

Visitors to WCCUSD school sites are often surprised by the dilapidated conditions of our physical facilities. What message are we communicating to our young people and the professionals we ask to educate them when they must learn and work in deteriorating and sometimes unsafe environments?

On their behalf, I would like to dedicate this column and express a special "thank you" to everyone who helped carry Proposition 203 to victory on March 26.

Prop. 203 is the first statewide school bond measure to pass since 1986 and will mean good things for WCCUSD schools.

The district stands to realize over \$21 million from Prop. 203; "modernization" projects at Castro, Harding, and Mira Vista elementary schools will receive between \$1 and \$2 million each, with El Cerrito High School budgeted for \$5.1 million.

Earth Day at Fairmont School

While we're talking about the environment at our schools, mark your calendar now to celebrate Earth Day at Fairmont Elementary School at the corner of Kearney and Stockton in El Cerrito on Saturday, April 20. Organized by Fairmont parent Sean McCormack, the work day will kick off with a continental breakfast sponsored by the Fairmont PTA at 8:30 a.m. Parents and community members alike are invited to help beautify the school and its neighborhood.

Humanitarian awards presented

A capacity crowd packed the Galileo Club in Richmond on March 28 for the second annual Humanitarian Awards Celebration. Sponsored by the WCCUSD's Human Relations Department, 36 persons received the award for furthering the positive growth of our students and the schools that serve them.

One of the recipients, Robin Winton, seemed to encapsulate the spirit of the award when she cited Marian Wright Edelman. "There is so much

## Emergency readiness growing in Kensington

By Dawn Frasier

KENSINGTON — El Cerrito Fire Department Captain Doug Brown got in on the ground floor of a new program when he began his stint as Fire Prevention Officer in January. He's helping the community of Kensington organize itself in preparation for any major disaster that might occur. That's been a high priority of the Kensington Fire District and the Kensington Community Services District since the issue of providing fire protection service to the town was settled last year.

Fire services are now provided to Kensington by the El Cerrito Fire Department under a long term contract. The department is also helping to expand the Neighborhood Emergency Assistant Team program used in El Cerrito through the Kensington Emergency Prepared-

ness Council.

Under the NEAT program, neighbors come together and plan to work cooperatively in the event of a disaster.

Though Kensington is not yet as well-organized as El Cerrito (which is also not completely organized), some organized neighborhoods have already stockpiled some supplies; others have become aware of "who has what resources," Brown said.

"Our main task is to develop teams, helping neighborhoods to distribute different tasks among team members," he said.

The fire department encourages residents to gather neighbors from "a couple of neighborhoods" to meet together for an introductory program. Department personnel will hand out packets of materials, in-

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By Glen Price

personal and organizational jockeying among people who ought to be working together to serve children, families, and the needy. There is so much to do, there are many issues left uncovered, so many needs to fulfill. I look forward to the day when each of us finds our thread to weave a powerful web of advocacy and service for our children."

Middle school students take honors

Portola Middle School students have been busy winning awards lately. Sarah Aroner and Stephanie Lau took second and third places, respectively, in the Contra Costa County Spelling Bee. In so doing, Sarah and Stephanie now move on to compete in the State Spelling Bee.

Gwyneth Harrison-Shermoen won the second-place award in the Bay Area Science Fair in the biological category. The title of her project was "Drosophila Eye Pigment: Does It Make a Difference?" Gwyneth She also won the KPMG Biotechnology

Award. Rupinder Randhawa and Sarah Aroner both took fourth places in the Mathematics/Computer Science and Physical Science categories, respectively.

Special resources on the World Wide Web

If you are looking for resources in the area of special education and you are linked to the World Wide Web, check out this home page: <http://www.usa.net/~pitsco/pitsco/special.html>. It is packed with useful material and very easy to use.

West County School Watch is a weekly column exploring news and events impacting public education in West Contra Costa County.

We pay particular attention to the activities of local schools, parent and community organizations working to strengthen public education, and the actions of the WCCUSD School Board.

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## ■ Goings on About Town

### Performances

**Ashkenaz:** April 4, 9:30 p.m.: Jo Ann Rand & The Little Big Band; April 5, 11 p.m.: Spear with Afro Pop at 9:30 p.m.; April 6, 9 p.m.: Savina and Golden Thrace & Zapadne Lole; April 7, 8 p.m.: Tico Da Costa; April 9, 9 p.m.: Danny Poullard & Friends; April 10, 9 p.m.: Billy Dunn. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

**Freight & Salvage:** April 4, 8 p.m.: Duck Baker & Molly Andrews; April 5, 8:30 p.m.: Kate MacKenzie; April 6, 8:30 p.m.: Joe Miller; April 7, 8 p.m.: California Klezmer; April 10, 8 p.m.: Troika Balalaikas. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

**Prothy French Farce:** Through April 6, Thur., Fri., and Sat., 8 p.m. and Sun. matinee at 2 p.m.: TheatreFIRST presents *Anything To Declare?* by Henquin and Veber. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 436-5085.

**La Peña:** April 4, 8 p.m.: Son Jarocho; April 5, 8 p.m.: 2nd anniversary of Cafe Vox Populi with live music and DJ dance; April 6, 9 a.m. - 1 a.m.: International Women's Month Festivities. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-9397.

**Mozart's Sonata:** April 8, 8 p.m.: Cal Performances presents piano virtuoso Richard Goode in recital featuring Mozart's *Sonata in A minor, K.310* and others. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. 642-9988.

**Maybeck Recital Hall:** April 6, 1-4 p.m.: Dialogues with master bassist Michael Moore; April 6, 8 p.m.: Westia Whitfield with The Mike Greenfield Duo. They will also be performing Sunday, April 7, 4 p.m. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

**Red Cafe:** Every Tues. night at 8:30 p.m.: Steve Packenham & Friends: 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

**Crying Wolf:** April 10 - 14, 8 p.m. save for Sunday at 7 p.m.: Human Nature presents *The Wolf at the Door*, a musical comedy about making cities more livable or at least laughable. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 798-1387.

**Starry Plough:** April 4, 9:30 p.m.: Turpentine, Stephen Yerkey, Crooked Jades; April 5, 9:45 p.m.: D'Jango, Jeffrey Halford; April 6, 9:45 p.m.: Blues Casters, Paul Dunn and One Flight Up; April 7, 11 a.m.: Easter Celebration starting off with breakfast; April 8, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Music; April 9, 7:30 p.m. sign-ups; Cabaret Open Mike; April 10, 9:30 p.m.: The Apples in Stereo, Plastic Sun. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-1424.

**Yoshi's:** April 4 - 7, 8 and 10 p.m.: Jerry Gonzalez & The Fort Apache Band; April 8, 8 and 10 p.m.: Peter Queal & Her Trio; April 9, 8 and 10 p.m.: Dmitri Matheny Quintet featuring Dave Ellis; April 10 - 14, 8 and 10 p.m.: Terence Blanchard and The Brazilian Jazz Project. 6030 Claremont Ave., North Oakland. 652-9200.

### Religious Activities

**Agape Community Church:** April 7, 11:15 a.m.: Rev. Dr. John Ojewole invites everybody to this multi-ethnic church where everybody is somebody and Jesus is Lord. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. 524-7707.

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists:** April 7, 10:30 a.m.:

Celebrate Passover/Easter through contemporary perspectives to the essential messages of these holidays. Children's Program: toddlers, childcare; ages 3 - 12, classes. Easter Egg Hunt follows this service. For details, Sandy, 526-0972. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

**Calvary Church and Center:** Holy Week: April 4 - Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m.; April 5: Good Friday service, noon; April 7: Easter Sunday service in English and Chinese. Kids invited to Easter egg hunt following service. 1940 Virginia St., Berkeley. 848-9132.

**Lutheran Church of the Cross:** April 7, 10 a.m.: Pastor James Bessey will preach on "Belief Bridges the Gap." Pastor Jorma Pesonen will preach at the noon Finnish worship. Holy Communion is celebrated at both worship services. Special music for Easter will feature congregational singing, soloists, and choir. 1744 University Ave., Berkeley. 848-1424.

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church:** April 7, 9 a.m.: Pastor Jim Stickney will preach "The Risen Life and the Resurrected Consciousness." Monthly potluck breakfast with food collection. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

### Events, meetings, classes...

**Easter Egg Hunt:** April 6, 10 a.m.: The City of El Cerrito asks you to hop, skip, jump, or leap over to Arlington Park, 1120 Arlington Blvd. Meet the Easter Bunny. For further information call 215-4375.

**More Eggs:** April 6, 10 a.m.: UC Berkeley Alumni Scholars Club present an Easter Hunt extravaganza with puppet shows, arts and crafts booths, water playground, and of course, an Easter egg hunt. Valley Life Sciences Building North Lawn, U.C. Berkeley Campus. 642-7026.

**Albany Pool:** Special holiday schedule during spring break. Call for 559-6640 details. Accepting mail registration for swimming classes for spring session. Walk in registration underway. All ages. 1311 Portland Ave., Albany.

**Picture Framing Workshop** begins Tuesday at Albany Adult School, 6:30 to 9:30 for seven weeks. Call 559-6580 for information.

**Kids at La Peña:** April 6, 10:30 a.m.: Derique, an artful fool, clowns for all ages. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-9397.

**Cody's Books:** April 4, 7:30 p.m.: Rosanne Cash with *Bodies of Water*; April 8, 7:30 p.m.: Clare Cooper Marcus looks at the deeper meaning of "home" in *House as a Mirror of Self*; April 9, 7:30 p.m.: Walter Trout Anderson, with *Evolution Isn't What It Used To Be*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

**National conference - National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture,** March 29-April 1 at the Berkeley Marina Marriott. Call 451-2171 for registration and information.

**Orchid Oracle:** April 6, 1 p.m.: Demonstration class on the "Care and Culture of Orchids." Jerry Parsons, a botanical horticulturist will cover the culture and care of warm and cool growing orchids, suitable orchids for growing outside in the Bay Area, and much, much

more. 642-3352.

**Underwater Slides:** April 5, 8 p.m.: Dr. Sylvia Earle, marine biologist and courageous deep sea diver brings her lecture and slide show on saving the oceans to Berkeley Public Library. Free Program. Central Library Reading Room, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, Berkeley. 644-6100.

**Black Oak Books:** April 4, 7:30 p.m.: Lillian Rubin discusses *The Transcendent Child*; April 7, 7:30 p.m.: Eva Salier examines the *Holocaust in Survival of A Spirit*; April 8, 7:30 p.m.: Abbas Milani looks back on his life in *Tales of Two Cities: A Persian Memoir*; April 9, 7:30 p.m.: Joseph Matthews will read from his first novel *Shades of Resistance*; April 10, 7:30 p.m.: Steven Nightingale debuts with *The Lost Coast*. Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

**Contra Costa Hills Club:** April 7: Hike from Muir Beach to Muir Woods and Return. Call 841-9029 for details.

**Garden Fest:** April 6, 12:30 p.m.: Judith Goldsmith, author of *Strawberries in November*, will present an overview of gardening in the East Bay. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., at Blake, Berkeley. 55 general, \$4 for Ecology Center members. Sliding payment scale available. 548-2220.

**Berkeley Hiking Club:** April 7, 8:30 a.m. departure: Mount Diablo - South Side. Call leader Flo Richmond (934-8722) for details; April 7, 9:30 a.m. departure: Mini Hike - Mount Tamaipas. Call leader Leo Black (841-1608) for details.

**Birth Center Tour:** Every Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 11 a.m.: Providing an overview of Alta Bates' birthing facilities and services. 2450 Ashby Campus, Berkeley. Meet on the first floor at the information booth. 204-1334.

**North Berkeley Senior Center:** April 4, 1 p.m.: Travel Video Germany; April 5, 1 p.m.: Opera New Moon; April 8, 10:30 a.m.: Dr. McGillis talks about new surgical techniques requiring shorter hospital stays. Slide show on walking in

England with Jean Marana at 2 p.m.; April 9, 1 p.m.: Money Talk with Jack Burr followed by highlights of advances in aging at 1:15 p.m.; April 10, 1 p.m.: Learn to relieve headaches, anxiety, and pain with Yale Feder. 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

**Family Life Hotline:** Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 FM. Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Fremes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

**Gala Bookstore:** April 4, 7:30 p.m.: Mark Gerzon talks about *A House Divided: Six Belief Systems Struggling for America's Soul*; April 5, 7:30 p.m.: Eleanor Criswell on *Biofeedback & Somatics*; April 9, 7:30 p.m.: Matt Weinstein *Managing to Have Fun*. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 848-GAIA.

**Philately Meeting:** For stamp collectors: first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7627.

**Watercolor class** with M. Louise Stanley at Tilden Botanic Garden on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$35. Call 636-1684.

**Homework Helper:** Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's South Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

**African-American Book Club:** Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

**Women in Action,** a forum on radical women's organizations, Monday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. at Long Haul Infoshop, 3124 Shattuck Ave., near Ashby. Women only. For information call 540-0751. Childcare available (601-5673) with 48-hour notice.

**University YWCA:** April 9, noon: "A Career in an Environmental Organization." 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

### Exhibits

**Youth Arts:** April 10, 6 p.m.: Opening reception for exhibit Collaboration: Working Together, visual art by K-8 grade from the Berkeley Unified School District. Refreshments and music. BACA, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 644-6893.

**Albany Arts Gallery:** Through April 12. Marge Drew will have on display a series of works entitled *Aquamedia Floral Portraits*. 1251 Solano Ave., Albany. 526-9558.

**New Pieces:** April 6 - May 2: Presentation of "Foolin' Around," an exhibit of quilts by members of the mini-group April Fools. The show will open with a reception on Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.: 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

**Japanese artist Keiko Nelson** shows "Inner Diary: Installation and Paper Constructions" at the Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge, Berkeley. 649-2400.

**Tanna Bellia:** Ongoing show: Tanna Bellia, local artist, is currently displaying some recent pastels dealing with fruits and vegetables and other culinary delights. On display from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rendezvous Cafe, 1389 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-9283.

**Works in Pastel:** Through June 9: The works of Trudy Vilaska. Albany Community Center, Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. 524-9283.

### Support groups, self-help

**Overeaters Anonymous** will hold an information night tonight at 7 p.m. at the West Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave.

**Alta Bates** hosts a panel on exercise and bodywork for cancer care on Thursday, April 4, 6:30-8 p.m., Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Free, but call 204-4400 for reservations.

**Emergency Services Program:** The Easy Does It Emergency Services Program offers low fee emergency attendants, minor wheelchair repairs, and

emergency wheelchair accessibility transportation to individuals with disabilities within the city limits of Berkeley. For more information call 5513, 464-8583 (TDD).

**Alzheimer's** and related disorders: Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Center, music and fellowship; St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 841-7645.

**Public speaking skills** and more spirituality come together at Toastmasters. 2515 Hillegas at Berkeley. Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. 7645.

**Cancer Support Group:** Every Friday, 9:30 a.m.: Free sessions with Feldman, M.A., M.S., R.N. 845-9272.

**Conscious Connections:** Meet singles who value personal and spiritual growth. Second and fourth Saturdays. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 2605.

**Emotions Anonymous:** Sunday p.m.: Northbrae Community Church, The Alameda (Near Solano). 655-7627.

**The Grief Care Community:** Bereavement support groups for those through death as well as coping spiritually oriented groups - bereavement. Stephen Levine's work - for any loss. Also individual grief counseling therapy available. New members always welcome as 4 different groups held in 8 week cycles. 841-5549 or 0830.

**Menopause Group:** Information support for women interested in alternative treatment for the symptoms of Menopause. Evening and day group. Information and reservations: Marlene Smith, L.Ac., at Body & Soul. 848-6004.



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## Inventor Joady Guthrie a new member

"The Idea Person," as Joady Guthrie refers to himself, creates mechanical inventions, now with several new ideas. Always having an interest in writing, when Guthrie purchased a computer 10 years ago, he realized reporters have to talk on the phone and write at the same time. Seeing the need for untethered movements around the office, auto, home and for the handicapped, Guthrie invented the "Life Style" phone holder, or as his son Damon calls it, "The Halo."

Guthrie hopes to take this hand-free holder to market. He seeks business persons who have experience in such light manufacturing and product promotion.

"Life Style" holds any cordless or cellular phone. Phones are inserted into the holder by hand and removed just as easily. No tools are needed. The holder is made of a springy durable steel wire surrounded by a tube of foam. One size fits all and can be shaped to fit any head. Guthrie has common law

protection and legal records of its development.

Guthrie sees inventions as the essence of a business idea with marketing concepts which are often more important than mechanical ideas. Each concept must be made and tested first before it becomes a real idea for any marketing. This inventor describes this as "mechanical inventing." "I make things for use," he said. For example: an elastic sneaker lace that snugs tight and holds, utilizing a plastic cord lock. "Placed on running shoes, the shoes become usable as loafers and when you bend over, you just grab the tongue of the sneaker and slip it on without having to tie the lace. This should be great for persons for whom bending over and tying is awkward and inconvenient," Guthrie explained.

Also he invented a water resistant wind breaker cover-cap for all sized wool or cotton berets. They are made of a one piece light "wind shell" nylon, with one piece elastic around the edge. The

practicality and warmth of woolen beret is greatly enhanced by this beret wind shell. It seems Guthrie is always sketching in which all drawings form a legal record protecting him in order to always making things and showing them without fear. The idea person/inventor said you have to be able to take certain risks and not be paralyzed by paranoia or immobilized by any grand delusions, obsessive fantasies of great riches and renown, all coming from an idea. If you are not strong, you can be tempted by irrelevant ideas. Being distracted and obsessed will not work as an inventor. Contrary to the romantic idea, the inventor is the person who does not obsess at all.

Son of Woody Guthrie, Guthrie is heir to Woody Guthrie Publishing who owns properties. Guthrie continued such as the song "This Land is Your Land" and has business experience as owner and consultant in the licensing of selling songs and book manuscripts. "I have available to me legal and business management able to conduct and conclude business arrangements should anyone be interested in licensing or buying the rights for production, promoting, distribution and sale of the phone holder, an untapped new market with world wide ramifications for communication," Guthrie stated.

Those interested in the phone holder or other inventions may call Guthrie at 528-9263 or his sister, Nora at (212) 586-6553.

### New owners for Little Alaska

Three Albany Bachelors became equal partners Feb. 6 when they purchased the Little Alaska bar, 953 San Pablo Avenue, from Bob and Ella Quick. They gave a new name to the establishment taking one of the new owners nickname, Bear, from Gary "Bear" Manuel, an 11-year bartender for the Quicks. The other partners are Max Palmer and Robert Perkins.

## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



Bear's Sports Bar is one of the East Bay's unofficial headquarters for Oakland Raiders fans. They have a wall of fame covered with Raider memorabilia while another wall is a dart board used for practice and tournaments. According to Palmer, they use a steel tip dart for league playing. Wednesday nights are dart nights at Bear's. They have participants in the Wednesday Night Dart Games, an organized league covering several counties. Palmer, the night bartender, refers to himself as a "league thrower."

Manuel is the daytime bartender and as avid Raiders fan, beginning when he was 8 years old. He held season tickets from the birth of the team until they moved south. Often, he and a group would fly to Los Angeles for a game. He currently holds new season tickets. Many may remember Manuel from his 12 years of coaching Albany Little League. At work he is referred to as the "master chef," overseeing barbecues served at Bear's for special events such as birthday and going away parties, softball teams, after golf tournaments and many other reasons to celebrate.

Perkins takes care of the bar's book work and is delighted to be a partner with long time good friends. He also helps with the bar, is a Raiders fan and wants people to know one of the weekend bartenders is Albany's own Lynn Beckwith.

The three energetic partners, as the owners before them, create a casual and friendly atmosphere for their new venture, welcoming new customers so no one is ever "alone in a crowd." They plan to eventually have a fenced in open air

deck for patrons, weather permitting. Phone 525-9883 for dart tournament information.

### Free trade for glucose monitors

Jay Kim of Self Care, 863 San Pablo Avenue, will exchange free of charge, old glucose monitors for a new state of the art monitors as supplies last. People must pay the sales tax only. Phone 559-4488.

### Custom-made dresses

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### New arrivals in town

Vonnie and Virgil Vierra proudly announced the birth of their great grandson, Harry David Barrows IV, born March 10, weighing six pounds and 12 ounces. Parents are David and Liz Barrows of El Cerrito. Harry's older brother is five year old Jake. Maternal grandmother is Roberta Masterson, also of El Cerrito.

On March 7, Kailey Nicole Walker entered the world weighing nine pounds twelve ounces. Bruce and Mindy walker are the proud parents of their first newborn. Doug and Beth Walker (Walker's Pie Shop and Restaurant) are the grandparents. Aunt and Uncle are Carol "Dolly" and Sam Levy. According to Bruce, Kailey is a very happy and healthy baby.

## Castro pre-school wins award

EL CERRITO — The Contra Costa Chapter of the Association of California School Administrators and the Contra Costa County School Board recognized Castro's SH Pre-School Co-op Program as a Program of Excellence in the areas of community and education partnership and programs meeting diversity challenges.

The award is in recognition for Ellen Schnur's establishment of a cooperative preschool program in order to facilitate mainstreaming for preschool students with disabilities. Susan Burns job-shares with Ellen Schnur.

Children, aged 3 to 5 years old, from the community participate in the special education preschool program two days a week. There are reciprocal benefits for all of the children.

Students with disabilities model the behavior and language of the children without special needs. They learn to become more independent, and to gain information about the world around them. Concurrently, it provides the children without disabilities with a preschool program and helps them to understand and respect individual differences in others.

### Panthers' lunch

WEST COUNTY —The Gray Panthers of West Contra Costa County will a "brown bag" lunch April 9 with Marty Lynch, the director of the Over Sixty Clinic speaking on HMO's —Good or Bad?

The event is open to the public and will be held in the community room of Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor at 11025 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Lunch begins at 12 p.m. and the program starts at 12:30 p.m. Call 525-0177 for further information.



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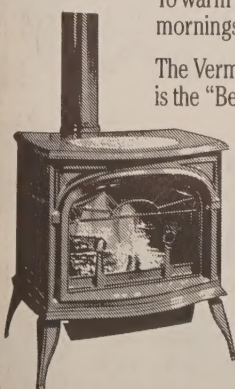
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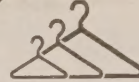
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## Health Talk

### A Cancer Prevention Lifestyle

by Michael Darby, MD and Jerrold Kram, MD

One of the most widespread misconceptions about cancer is that the disease is ultimately fatal. In fact, thanks to improved detection and treatment, an increasing number of cancers can be treated effectively and cured when detected early.

Although detection and treatments have improved, there's still no substitute for prevention. We now know a great deal about how you can cut your risk of most types of cancer. Your risk of two of the most common types, colon cancer and lung cancer, is particularly linked to health habits. Here are some simple things you can do to live a "cancer prevention" lifestyle:

- **Don't smoke.** Smoking is perhaps the single worst thing you can do to your health. If you smoke, quit. If you don't smoke, don't start. Smoking greatly increases your risk of lung cancer and perhaps also some other types of cancer. And smoking also increases your risks of suffering from heart disease, emphysema, and a host of other life-threatening health problems.

- **Eat healthy.** The right diet clearly plays a very important role in cutting your risk of colon cancer. And that diet should include complex carbohydrates and fiber found in whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Your diet should also be low in the saturated fats found in meats and whole dairy products such as butter, cream and whole milk. While the jury is still out on the matter of dietary supplements, there is some evidence that vitamins A, C, and E, and beta carotene may help protect your cells from the harmful effects of cancer-causing substances in our foods, air and water. Calcium supplements may also help reduce the risk of developing polyps in the colon. These can become cancerous if untreated.

- **Exercise regularly.** A brisk walk at least three times a week for 20 or 30 minutes at a time may help cut your risk of some types of cancer including breast cancer, and perhaps lung and colon cancer. Ideally, the exercise should involve the large muscles of the legs, back and arms,

and it should be vigorous enough to bring a bit of sweat to your brow.

- **Maintain a desirable weight.** Being overweight may increase your risk of some types of cancer.

- **An aspirin a day.** There seems to be a link between small doses of aspirin and a lower risk of colon cancer. Take no more than one aspirin or less a day, as large doses can cause stomach upset and ulcers.

- **Regular cancer screenings.** These are a very important part of cancer prevention. When a cancer can be detected early enough, it can be treated more effectively. Talk with your physician about your health history to evaluate your risks and determine the most appropriate schedule of screenings for you.

April is Cancer Awareness Month, and to mark the occasion, Summit Health Access and Hill Physicians' Medical Group are sponsoring two seminars on cancer prevention, detection and treatment:

**Monday, April 8, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**WHAT:** "Colon Cancer: Signs and Symptoms"

**WHO:** Gastroenterologist Thomas Hargrave, MD, will discuss the signs, symptoms and importance of early detection of colon cancer.

**Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**WHAT:** "Diagnosis and Treatment of Lung Cancer"

**WHO:** Pulmonary specialist Jerrold Kram, MD, will discuss trends in the diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer.

**WHERE:** Both seminars will take place at The Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland. If you'd like more information about the lecture, please call Summit Health Access at (510) 869-6737.



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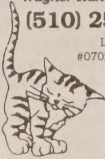
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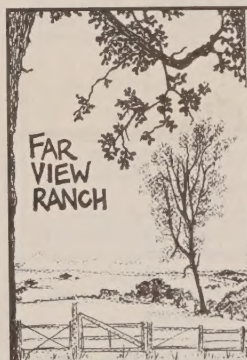
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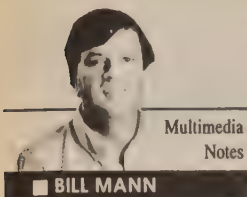
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Multimedia Notes

■ BILL MANN

**Moo-vie reviews:** After suffering through the Whoopster-led Oscars last week, I needed an antidote. So my wife and I went out and saw *Fargo*. It's superb.

The Coen brothers, Ethan and Joel, grew up in Minnesota, and they know the tundra culture well. This is the first movie I've seen in ages in which I can find nothing to criticize. The violence here is shown in non-Hollywood style; nothing is glamorized. The mayhem is perpetrated by brainless losers who'd rather sit in front of a TV than talk. There are no special effects, just vast, snowbound prairies. There is humor, but it flows out of the characters (and this 1987 crime story actually happened).

**William H. Macy** (he's also in *Down Periscope*, which is reviewed, um, down below) is superb as a feckless Minneapolis car dealer who gets in a little too deep. And **Frances McDormand** is wonderful as the low-key, friendly — and very pregnant — police chief of Brainerd, Minn. (Home of Paul Bunyan!).

This movie is a rarity in that there is no trace of ethnicity other than the strong Norwegian accents. There is not a person of color anywhere in sight, and the result is both odd and humorous.

I can't think of many discriminating moviegoers who wouldn't like *Fargo*. It's refreshing to see a film that moves along nicely without any Hollywood gimmicks. *Fargo* is being called the first Oscar nominee of 1997, and it's easy to see why. Four stars.

**Down Periscope:** Having grown up in the military, I'm a sucker — nay, an easy mark — for Navy movies, whether it's the superb *Mr. Roberts*, or *Operation Petticoat*, you name it. That's why I went to see *Down Periscope*. (The title sounds like

something a bedding store might sell.)

And even though "Down" isn't a good movie, I'm glad I went, for one very good reason: **Kelsey Grammer** is superb as the good-hearted captain of a restored rustbucket. Macy and the talented **Rip Torn** as navy brass are also strong here.

Off-the-wall sitcom star **Harland Williams** is decent enough as the sub's goofy Sonar man. There's a wacky electrician who keeps getting shocked, a black sailor who plays — surprise — pro basketball, and the usual assortment of oddballs, all standard-issue stuff.

But Grammer's Jack Benny-like comedic timing and his use of just the right facial expressions, are marvelous to behold. Grammer's talents on "Frasier" are even more fully utilized in this, his first starring film role. No matter what one might think of Grammer's sad/bizarre personal life, give him his due: He makes an otherwise mediocre movie worth watching. I hadn't realized fully how talented Grammer was until seeing *Down Periscope*.

**MULTIMEDIA NOTES** — About "Frasier": Would someone please e-mail and tell me what kind of a dog that was that Niles adopted on "Frasier." I'm not a dog expert, but that looked like a greyhound (whippet?) to me (they never said on the show.) And if I were a dog expert, I certainly wouldn't have lost so much money on greyhounds in my undergraduate days. Financial-aid tip: Never attend any college or university located within 10 miles of a dog track.

For those of you who think **Jay Leno** should be noted/quoted here more often — I know you're out there — I've tuned by his show a few times lately. And while I've always liked Leno personally and he's a decent stand-up, there's simply no comparison: Letterman's writing staff is far better... KGO Radio's **Ronn Owens**, confronted with an anti-Semite on the air the other day (he apparently felt Owens was part of some worldwide Jewish conspiracy), blew off the caller by insulting his intelligence. I called

## New York Times Magazine Puzzle

### SHAKESPEARE ON-LINE

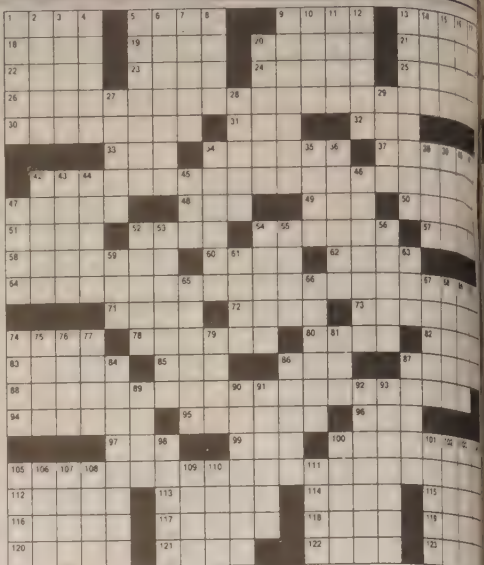
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Owens and gave him a better approach for the next time this happens (and it will). Owens said, "It's a great line; I'll use it." It comes from former S.F. Comedy Competition winner **Mike Dugan**, who said of Nazis, "If this is the master race, I'd sure as hell hate to see the qualifying heats." Dugan's other line that always cracks up audiences — be warned, this one has an R-rating: "Know why women fake orgasm? Because men fake foreplay." ... Comedy writer **Alan Ray**, from "Shoptalk": "Bob Dole is now working on his choice for V.P. Word is he plans to pick someone younger. His short list has been narrowed down to the White

Pages." ... Coincidence Dept: Former KGO Radio newswoman **Tori Campbell** is new "Mornings on 2" co-anchor at Channel 2. The woman she replaced, **Laura Zimmerman**, is now a talk-show host at — where else? — Campbell's old station, KGO. The two women have never spoken; both live in Contra Costa County. Guess who Campbell hired recently to watch her two young sons while she's at work? The same woman Zimmerman had used for HER nanny!

**Word Play:** *New York Magazine* recently had a competition in which it asked readers to change one letter in a non-English phrase and then



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redefine it. Some of the better ones:

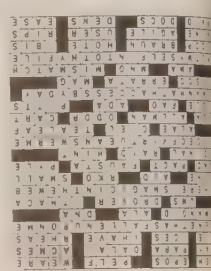
*Harlez-vous francais?* (Can you drive a French motorcycle?)  
*Cogito Eggo sum* (I think, therefore I am a waffle).

*Respondes s'il vous plaid* (Honk if you're Scottish).  
*Rigor Morris* (the cat is dead).  
(Note: Dedicated to Marty Snapp).

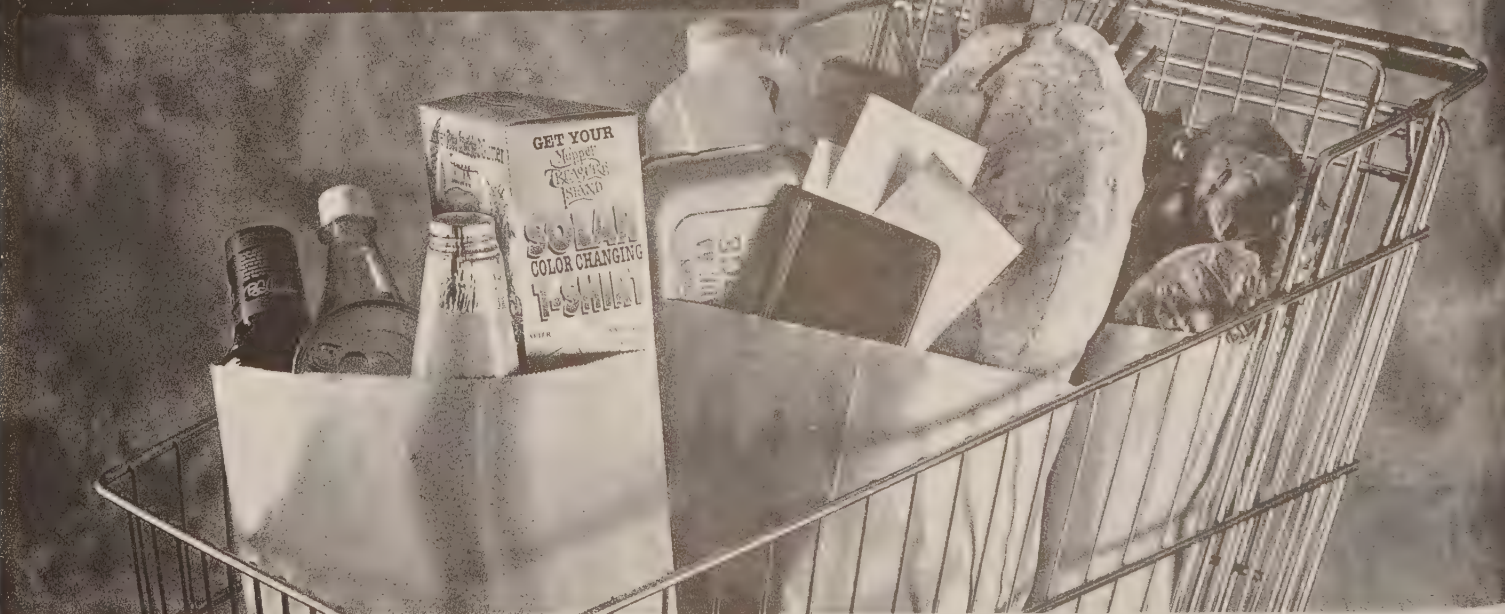
*Que sera, serf* (life is feudal).  
*Le roi est mort. Jive le roi.* (The king is dead. No kidding).  
*Felix navidad* (our cat has a boat).

*Apres Moe, la deluge* (Larry and Curly get wet).  
And my favorite: *L'etat, c'est Moe* (All the world's a stooge).

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## East Bay Events

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Following the May 5 performance the audience is invited to take part in a discussion with the director and cast members.

*Cabaret* features Anna Albanese, Susan Amacker, Robert Eighberg, Peter Fosselius, Andrew Gabel, Paulette Herring, Samantha King, Jon Marshall (pictured above), Cynthia Maul, Anjee Norgood, Carley Prami, Cecilia Ryan, Jeff Sanchez, Amy Whiting, Robert Wood and Wesley Wright.

CCCT also presents "Theater Dinner Night" at Strings on Saturday, April 6, and Friday, April 12, at 6 p.m. Tickets — at \$23 — include admission to *Cabaret* plus salad, bread, beverage, pasta, dessert, tax and gratuity. Strings was voted "Best Pasta Restaurant" by the Contra Costa Times and is located at 11720 San Pablo Avenue (at the Del Norte Place) in El Cerrito.

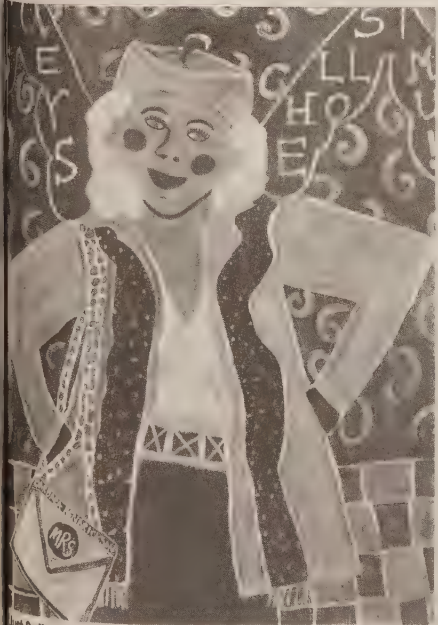
## Meet a master bassist

Master bassist Michael Moore will demonstrate and discuss his approach to jazz bass at Maybeck Recital Hall on Saturday, April 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling 848-3228.

Called "one of the most consistently brilliant bassists in recent history" by the New York Times, Moore has recorded or performed with Marian McPartland, Bill Evans, Stan Getz, Chet Baker and Benny Goodman, among others. Says *Rolling Stone*, "Mike Moore is making some of the loveliest chamber jazz since Bill Evans and Jim Hall."



## Hendrickson's work on view through April 7



'I Sell My House,' by Barbara Hendrickson.

Barbara Hendrickson grew up in New York City where art was always part of her life. Her mother, an artist and art teacher, encouraged and supported her interest.

"I was incredibly fortunate to attend the High School of Music and Art," Hendrickson said. "The blend of music floating through the halls and art on the walls provided a uniquely stimulating environment." Hendrickson graduated from the University of Wisconsin, where she gave up art classes after receiving a C in the only class she ventured to take.

She didn't get into graduate school in the Midwest and, for lack of a better plan, Hendrickson migrated to the Bay Area in January 1967. She taught elementary school in the Sausalito and Berkeley Public Schools

# Savina hosts song, dance at Ashkenaz

True-to-tradition singers bring in bands to celebrate first CD release

By Larry Kelp

Seventeen years after Susan Mintz rounded up some women to sing her favorite Eastern European peasant songs, the group Savina is celebrating the release of its debut compact disc, *Echoes from the Mountain*, with a concert and dance Saturday at Berkeley's Ashkenaz.

The singers come from the East Bay and San Francisco, most of them professionals who moonlight in the chorus. Savina Women's Folk Choir has performed in many settings over the years, from living rooms to the California Academy of Sciences.

The 11-voice choir will sing two 20-minute sets at Saturday's 9 p.m. celebration, but Ashkenaz is a dance hall, and Savina is a concert group that performs a capella with occasional support from three instrumentalists. So, two Balkan dance bands, Zapadne Lole and Golden Thrace, will perform.

"It is a party, after all," Mintz said, explaining why the focus of the evening isn't solely on the singers. Also, "It's where we started



Savina has been singing Eastern European songs in the Bay Area for 17 years.

rehearsing. (Ashkenaz owner) David Nadel has been a big supporter from the beginning."

A Hayward kindergarten teacher by day, at night Mintz dons colorful peasant dress and rehearses the chorus in her Oakland home, as she did

long before Eastern European women's choirs became a hot item with world music lovers in the late 1980s following American tours by the Bulgarian State Female Choir.

Savina's repertoire, from former Yugoslavia (Serbia and Croatia),

Bulgaria, Hungary and Russia, draws on an array of musical styles. Some is diaphonic (that haunting melody line sung over a vocal drone), and half-tone scales with

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## Berkeley High grad brings home her own performance piece

By Carol Egan

Writer/performance artist Heather Woodbury, a former Berkeley resident, set out for New York immediately following her graduation from Berkeley High School. This week she returns to the Bay Area to make her West Coast debut as a solo performer in her marathon show, *The Heather Woodbury Report or What Ever*.

"It was really important for me to bring it back home, also because northern California plays such a big part in it."

"Report" opens April 5 at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint in San Francisco. The play runs over nine hours and will be presented in four installments, one every Friday night at 10 p.m. from April

5 through 26.

The daughter of journalists, Woodbury's ambition from age 7 was to be a writer. A great deal of her inspiration has come from 19th-century novelists such as Dostoevsky and Dickens. She even refers to herself as a "performance writer" and to her current work as a "performance novel," that is, an epic story with the scope of a novel, not separate vignettes.

During her childhood in Berkeley she was a member of Robin Ruff's Young Actor's Improvisational Workshop. Under Ruff's guidance she was encouraged to develop both her writing and performing skills. Through-

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Heather Woodbury is back in California with 'The Heather Woodbury Report or What Ever.'

## Blanchard: Classics + jazz = movie scores

By Charles Levin

Growing up in New Orleans, trumpeter Terence Blanchard never dreamed of writing film scores for Hollywood blockbusters, such as Spike Lee's *Malcolm X*.

The door flew wide open, however, when Lee hired him as actor Denzel Washington's trumpet coach for *Mo' Better Blues*, Lee's cinematic fable of jazz musicians in the Big Apple.

Blanchard also performed on the film's soundtrack. During a break in the recording session "I was at the piano playing a composition I was going to record on my album, and Spike came over and said 'I like that. What is it?'" Blanchard recalls in a phone interview from his home in New Orleans.

The song was "Sing Soweto." Lee asked Blanchard to record a solo trumpet version for the movie.



Terence Blanchard

Later on, the filmmaker decided it needed a string arrangement. Would Blanchard do the job? The young trumpet player complied and conducted the ensemble himself.

The session was a pivotal moment in Blanchard's career.

"I stepped off the podium and everybody was applauding me, and (Lee) said, 'You have a future writing for film,' and I said, 'Thank you very much.'" Blanchard says. Amazed at the opportunity, Blanchard's only immediate reaction when it ended was "Wow. This is cool. I can get with this."

The experience ushered Blanchard, who begins a five-night run at Yoshi's Nitespot Wednesday, into a new era. Once intimidated by the thought of writing for large ensembles, Blanchard quickly emerged as a composer of note, composing

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## Family film offers sentiment minus melodrama

By Renata Poit

If you've seen the trailer for *A Family Thing*, you'll expect a gushy melodrama with the uplift of a Wonderbra. The happy surprise is that the film, directed by Richard Pearce and starring Robert Duvall and James Earl Jones, is both subtle and serious, emotionally affecting but not overloaded with message.

The two old pros, Duvall and Jones, give terrific performances — no surprise there. They're joined by a cast of lesser-known but equally accomplished actors, and seeing all those more-or-less new faces is a pleasure, too.

Duvall plays Earl Pilcher, a good ole boy from a small Arkansas town. His accent, bowlegged, swaggering gait, and collection of scars are

outward signs of the kind of guy he is: tough, no-nonsense, your basic Southern racist. His black people are "colored" — when he's being friendly —, the N-word the rest of the time.

So when Earl's mother, Carrie (Mary Jackson), informs him in a deathbed confession that he is not her own son but rather the son of a black woman, Willa Mae, who

died in childbirth, he can barely absorb the shock. That's a problem for the audience, too; accepting the notion that Robert Duvall is even part black is a stretch.

Carrie's dying wish is that Earl look up his older halfbrother, Willa Mae's other child, now a Chicago policeman. So without giving a reason to his wife, father, and daughter,

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from 1969 to 1978.

In 1980 she and her husband Dennis launched a Berkeley real estate business called The Hendrickson Company.

Barbara and Dennis have two grown sons, three cats (who often find their way into Barbara's painting), and a turtle named Larry.

Always an observer of the stories around her, Hendrickson's bold and colorful art work reflects slices of what she sees. "Many of my recent paintings are portraits of people I know infused with my own distinct decorative style," she said.

The public is invited to view Hendrickson's work on display from 5 to 9 p.m., Thursday to Sunday until April 7 at the Berkeley Store Gallery, 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

On Sunday, April 7, from 4 to 7 p.m., meet the artist at the "Taking Down the Paintings" party. For more information call at 540-6000.

## Folk festival calling for volunteers

The Berkeley Free Folk Festival will take place Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship, 1924 Cedar St. at Bonita.

The free community event will present a variety of musical styles in an all-day concert including traditional folk, Irish, bluegrass and old-timey, flamenco, gospel, progressive and feminist folk-rock, original songwriters, Eastern European and blues. The concert will conclude with a Cajun and Zydeco dance. All performances will be ASL interpreted.

Instructional workshops will be offered in a variety of areas including instrumental and songwriting (with an emphasis on beginning guitar) from noon to 6 p.m. The festival will also include a children's program, informal jamming, comedy and sale of music-related merchandise. Food will be provided by the Starry Plough Pub and Restaurant.

The Berkeley Free Folk Festival will be staffed by volunteers and help is needed in a variety of areas both before and during the festival. For further information contact Jessica Bryan at 843-3810.

## Woodbury

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out high school she continued to write and participate in drama activities.

After her arrival in New York, like many aspiring artists she spent her first few years living in relative poverty, supporting herself by waitressing then moving into the world of club dancing. "Being a go-go dancer influenced me a lot, inspiring me to be a performance artist." Her routines evolved into satires on go-go dancing and its patrons. She began to develop

## Blanchard

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scores for Lee's *Malcolm X*, *Crooklyn* and *Clockers* as well as the movies *Sugar Hill*, *Inkwell* and *Trial by Jury*.

On the surface, one wouldn't peg the 34-year-old Blanchard for writing western European-based orchestral music, the style that dominates movie scores. He began trumpet lessons in third grade after hearing a jazz band at a grade-school assembly. And he attended New Orleans Center for Creative Arts high school, where he studied jazz with Ellis Marsalis, the father of his childhood pals, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and saxophonist Branford Marsalis.

In fact, Blanchard rode the same train of distinction into New York that swept the Marsalis clan and others to prominence in the early 1980s: The "young lions" moniker. But he quickly staked out his own identity, first playing with Lionel Hampton and Art Blakey, and then co-leading a group with saxophonist Donald Harrison.

Nonetheless, Blanchard started piano studies at age 5, inspired by his sometime opera singer father. As Blanchard's piano skills grew, so did his love for Bach, Liszt, Schumann and Tchaikovsky. As a teen, Blanchard played trumpet in the New Orleans Civic Orchestra.

Writing for films has broadened his perspective and allowed him to fully engage influences that were just waiting to surface. Immediately after conducting the string arrangement for *Mo' Better Blues*, he happened by another room where engineers were listening to a tape of Stravinsky's

a following at the Baby Doll Lounge which she calls her "alma mater — my alternative to higher education."

Out of this experience came a 1989 docudrama feature film *Hollow Venus: Diary of a Go-Go Dancer*, cowritten with and filmed by Larry Fessenden. The same director has just completed *Habit* (co-starring Woodbury) which will screen this month at the LA Independent Film Festival.

Her writing activities continued in New York, even while working at the

### The Rite of Spring.

"The music was just roaring out of the doorway into this hall, and I stood (there) and I just froze," Blanchard says, admitting it was an emotionally vulnerable moment following Lee's kudos. "It was like this animal, this very powerful thing that just came alive, that was making its presence known."

Blanchard cites the 1913 composition, originally written for ballet and arguably the cornerstone of contemporary classical music, as one of the most important influences on his film work. The piece weaves complex rhythms and harmonies, combining — for its time — unorthodox groups of instruments in radical new ways. From this, Blanchard heard the ability to reach beyond composing for orchestras as just isolated sections of woodwinds, brass, strings or percussion.

Ironically, Blanchard admits this isn't what most filmmakers look for in their music. Simplicity and strong melody lines — especially with Lee — are the staple of Hollywood composition, he says. A overly complex score might detract from a scene. Mostly, he draws inspiration from his own ideas about the characters. "You have to adhere to what the story is trying to say," Blanchard says.

Writing for film has also altered Blanchard's compositional approach to his small group. Where he once grouped a disparate collection of new tunes for any release, he now tries to tell a story with each CD, much the way music tries to assist telling the story on screen.

## Savina

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odd-metered rhythms, which sound exotic to Western ears but are just what the rural folk grew up with in that area of the world, where our "square rhythms" of classical, rock and jazz seem a bit simple-minded.

Mintz explained that they are sticklers for tradition. "We want to present the music the way it was done originally. I grew up on this music. My mother is Hungarian and my father was Russian, and we lived in a Hungarian neighborhood in Chicago. We did a lot of folk dancing, parties and dinners."

"My first love was the folk dancing. I came to the singing through the back door. While living in Los Angeles I started singing with a dance group. When I moved to Berkeley there was no singing group, so we dancers got one together."

Like Mintz, most of the singers have Eastern European ancestry, or, as in the case of founding member Cherrymae Golston (a Spanish teacher from Belize), an intense love of the music. "The attraction was that it sounded so weird," Golston said. "The harmonies and vocal style are so different from Western singing."

The song subject matter is straight out of the villages, lyrics telling often funny stories, as if the choir were a group of women in the village square sharing gossip, as Mintz explained, "about why my boyfriend doesn't pay attention to me, or why is he winking at another woman, as well as subjects like work and harvesting. The lyrics usually spring from small everyday

things."

The music, with its use of quarter-tone scales and odd-meter rhythms, is painstakingly transcribed from vintage recordings by singer Tabitha Doniach, who by day is a post-doctoral fellow in developmental biology at UC San Francisco. "It was a challenge in the beginning," Doniach said, "but now it's pretty easy, although there's no easy way to transcribe some of the notes. The lyrics are checked by people we find who speak the native language, although even then it's tricky because the language of the songs is often archaic."

Doniach's story is similar to that of other choir members: "My father was Russian Jewish, and I always had an affinity for Russian peasant things. We had old records, and I picked up more when I visited Russia in 1982. Then I saw the Yale Slavic Women's Chorus, one of the oldest groups doing this music in this country, and thought, 'Yes, I could do that.'" She joined Savina in 1986; cidentally, the three newest members are alumni of the Yale Slavic Women's Chorus.

In spite of preserving rural music traditions and costumes, Savina has moved into the '90s to attract attention to the music its members love, not only with its new CD, but also T-shirts, and an Internet Web Site: <http://www.sfo.com/~savina>.

Savina, Zapadne Lole and Golden Thrace perform Saturday at 9 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music & Dance Cafe, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$10 (includes the 8 p.m. dance lesson). Call 525-5054.

clubs. In recent years she has had several plays produced off-off Broadway. She is also the author of a screenplay and fourteen solo works, including *White Gilt* and *Rejuvenation*, which have been produced at The Kitchen, La Mama, The Knitting Factory and P.S. 122, all prestigious venues for on-the-edge new work in the Big Apple.

Woodbury's "Report" has become legendary to Manhattan's Lower East Side theater-goers. The project started out on a friend's dare to write and perform a new piece every week for a year. Woodbury shortened the time to nine months and began producing half-hour long episodes at a rock club, The Fort, in September 1994. The original 800-page text has since been condensed to half that length. It has also been considerably reshaped by director Dudley Saunders.

Though she has been compared to Ruth Draper, a great monologist of the 1940s and '50s, and Anna Deavere Smith, Woodbury's style remains unique, bringing wildly diverse characters of all ages, races, genders and levels of society together. Many of the characters are based on people encountered in her frequent cross-country travels. With undeniable affection for their hopes and struggles, Woodbury gives us a tragicomic view of the American experience.

Although each episode stands on

its own, many of the characters weave in and out of several segments. Audience favorites include Violet, an 84-year-old matron who reports on her Jazz Age life from the counter of a Greek coffee shop, and a young man named Skeeter from Oregon ("the left coast") who finds himself in New York City ("This place is just fiending me out").

Commenting on major influences on her work in a phone interview conducted before she left New York, Woodbury explained, "I've always avoided being influenced by my contemporaries, almost to a fault. But I've been influenced by Richard Pryor, who starts off telling a joke then segues into a story. Lily Tomlin is someone else I admire greatly." Besides these two and her novelist heroes, Woodbury's other major source of inspiration has come from rock and roll.

Always willing to accept a challenge, Woodbury has agreed to perform her *Report* simultaneously in Los Angeles (on Wednesdays) and San Francisco (Friday nights). Following her California engagements she takes the piece to Austin, Texas, for a June run.

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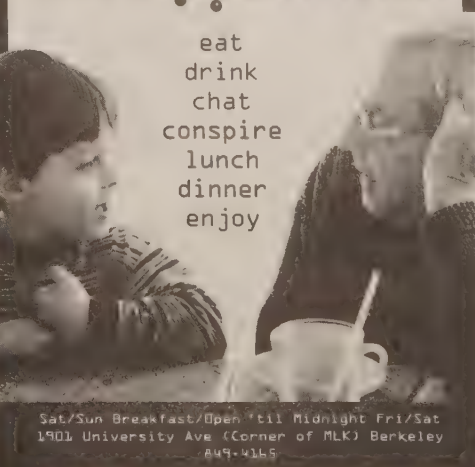
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## Family

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Earl takes off in his pickup truck to track down the rest of his family.

The relationship comes as no news to Ray (Jones), who has tried to put his childhood hatred for Earl's father and little Earl himself behind him and forget the whole thing. Which is fine with Earl, too — until he gets mugged and the hospital releases him to the reluctant Ray, whose name and address Earl is carrying in his pocket.

The biggest potential sand trap in *A Family Thing* is the character of Aunt T. (Irma P. Hall), Ray's elderly, blind aunt who shares the apartment with him and his grown son, Virgil (Michael Beach).

Aunt T. knows who Earl is without being told, and if she's felt any bitterness towards the white side of the family, she's dealt with it long ago. The issues of black and white mean nothing to her — she can no longer see black or white anyhow.

The role of wise old conciliator suggests a cuddly Aunt Jemima, pouring syrup over everything. But Aunt T. is too shrewd and acerbic for that.

Irma P. Hall plays the character so much wit that her bon mots go down easily: Like the two central male figures, she has a long monologue; like theirs, it reveals character without bringing the story to a halt.

The characters in *A Family Thing* are so well written (by screenwriters Billy Bob Thornton and Tom Epperson) that you can believe in them and forgive a few melodramatic lapses, such as a stormy night scene, where the thunder and lightning are laid on just a bit too thick.

The ending is not tied up neatly; Earl doesn't change Ray's son, a bitter young divorced man with an attitude — he just gets the young man to listen, and that's something. As for the two brothers, some of their most difficult times may still lie ahead, and the film wisely stops before showing them.

In the front rows of the theater where I saw *A Family Thing*, a group of rowdy black teenagers was hooting and carrying on when the picture opened. About half an hour in, even they had calmed down.

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While the Berkeley Taj is designed for quick meals with a limited menu priced under \$5 and open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., the Oakland Taj is open daily for dinner only from 5 to 10 p.m. Traditional music enhances the warm ambience. Owners Ashok and Baljit Kumar greet customers and deliciously prepare their native cuisine.

The tandoor, a vat-shaped clay oven, provides specialties that include chicken, lamb and prawn dishes. Served with rice and naan, the prices are moderate from \$7.95 to \$11.95. Starting at \$1.50, the variety of naans (leavened breads) feature such choices as garlic or onions with spices to naan stuffed with ground lamb or chicken and nuts. The breads are slapped on to the inside walls of the tandoor conveniently cooking alongside skewered items. Paratha (layered bread), chapati (flat bread) and pooris (deep-fried, puffy bread) is also presented here.

Taj's mulligatawny soup is deliciously light and gently spiced and creamy at \$2. Curry dishes are plentiful and priced under \$10. Dal Mak-hni (whole lentils cooked in spices) is memorable and a must for those that enjoy this healthy dish.

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**RESTAURANT BITES:** Milano Ristorante has added a fourth restaurant to its operation. The popular Italian eatery opened last week in Walnut Creek at 1829 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Oakland, Emeryville and Tiburon round out the other locations that are owned and operated by Chef Roggerio Milano and his cousins Mike, Mark and Peter Yekta...A piece of Americana has arrived on College Avenue in the shape of a hamburger stand. More on Rocky's Old Fashioned Hamburgers next week.

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**WEEKEND SCENE:** Philip Bailey at Kimball's East...Julio Bravo Friday and Avance Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Dialogues with Master Bassist Michael Moore Saturday afternoon, Westlia Whitfield with the Mike Greensill Duo Saturday and Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Jim Brown at Scott's...John Schott Duo at Daniel's in Albany...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Jerry Gonzalez and the Fort Apache Band at Yoshi's Nite-spot...Denise Perrier Wednesday, Madeline Eastman Thursday and Buddy Conner Friday with the Eddie Pasternak, Roger Glenn Duo at Gertrude Stein...Built for Comfort Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...The G.T.S. Band at Brennan's...John Turk at the Ramada Inn...Tattoo Blue Friday and Dizzy Burnett & Her Orchestra Saturday at the Baltic.

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**COMEDY SCENE:** Vic Dunlop through Sunday and the "Totally Live Dating Game" Monday at Tommy T's San Ramon...SAN FRANCISCO: Johnny Steele and Larry "Bubbles" Brown at the Punch Line...Tom Rhodes with Bill Braudis at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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**Martin Snapp**

**Strike Three:** Remember the man who plugged his TV set into a live electrical outlet next to the flagpole outside the Alameda County Administration building?

He's back. This time, he was spotted plugging an electric hair clipper into the outlet and giving a friend of his a quick trim. (Actually, it was more than a trim; he gave the guy a Jason Kidd 'do: shaved around the sides with a little tuft on top.)

Meanwhile, I here's an update on the flat tire epidemic on Franklin Street, between 13th and 14th. First, I complained about getting a nail in my tire. A week later, my (ahem) "friend" got a nail in *her* tire.

Now comes word that Oakland's Gladys Houston was driving on that same block on Monday, and *she* got a nail in *her* tire, too!

So much for the power of the press.

**I Remember Mama's:** Bad news, brunch fans: Mama's Royal Cafe near 40th and Broadway, that funky old place with the fantastic food, is out of business for a while, due to an electrical fire in the kitchen.

"Fortunately, the fire broke out right under a skylight, so most of the flames and heat went right up and out," says owner George Marino. "Otherwise, the whole building would have burned to the ground."

But never fear: Mama's famous annual Napkin Art Contest is going forward as usual. "Because of the fire, we're extending the deadline," says Marino.

The new deadline for getting your napkin art in is this Sunday, with the winners to be named April 15. As for the cafe, Marino hopes to have the doors back open by the end of the month.

Sadder news, though, from North Berkeley, where the Rose & Grove Market — the epitome of what a mom & pop store should be — has closed its doors after 29 years of "cashing checks, keeping spare front door keys for forgetful customers, warning neighborhood residents to move their cars on street sweeping days, turning heaps of pennies into candy bars and deciphering crumpled notes tendered by grimy little hands for a child's first solo trip to the store." (Those words are Mayor Shirley Dean's, not mine, but I endorse them.)

Owners Andy and Betty Soe left this note on the front door:

Dear Friends,  
After 29 years, with much regret, and at the urging of our family, we have decided to retire. This store has been a major part of our lives, and our sons grew up here.

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With every warm regards,  
Andy and Betty.

And that's not the only landmark we've lost lately. I'm a little late writing about this, but I can't let the closing of Yujean's go without comment.

For years, owner Mary Perkins tried to keep it going, despite the lousy location (on San Pablo, just around the corner from Solano). But she finally gave in to the inevitable and closed the doors shortly before the end of last year.

If you never ate there, you missed the experience of a lifetime. When you walked in, the first thing that struck you was the beautiful Chinese calligraphy on the wall.

Then would come the food, arranged like Wayne Thibaud painting. And it tasted even better than it looked: simply sublime.

The art and the food were done by the same person: Mary's mom (who must be in her 80s by now), who learned her trade from *her* teacher: the chef for Pu Yi, the last Emperor of China. (I am not making this up!)

There's a new Thai restaurant now where Yujean's used to be. But even though Mary sold the location, she did not sell her fabulous French wine collection, the finest selection in the East Bay since Narsai's was in its heyday.

(I know, I know: French wine in a Chinese restaurant? But as I keep telling you, this was not your usual Chinese restaurant.)

I don't know what's going to become of Mary's wine stash, but I'll let you know as soon as I find out.

**Diet of Worms:** Time to take note of two birthdays, both for guys named Martin.

First up: Martin Luther, whose 450th birthday is being celebrated this year.

A few years back I wrote a column about searching for my father's long-lost family. It got reprinted around the country, and I heard from more people named Snapp than I ever dreamed existed.

One of them was a man named Charley Snapp in Cleveland, Ohio, who informed me that way back in 16th century, one of our ancestors was Martin Luther's best friend.

In fact, you know how Luther kicked off the Protestant Reformation by nailing his famous 95 Theses to the door of the Cathedral in Wurttemberg, Germany?

Guess who held the nail? A Snapp!

Which brings me to the other Martin having a birthday: namely, me. Tomorrow will be my 51st.

As it happens, I was going through my father's stuff from his World War II days a few weeks ago, and I stumbled upon my family's old ration books.

There was one for my dad and one for my mom and one for my brothers and my older sister. There was even one for me, filled out in what I immediately recognized as my father's handwriting. Here's what it said:

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Name: Martin M. Snapp, Jr.  
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Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Write Martin c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland CA 94619, phone him at 273-9543, or e-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org or Catman666@aol.com

## Housing

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over from an earlier proposed affordable housing project that would be sufficient to cover the \$120,000 loan. Calling the loan "an extremely good investment on the city's part," Brodsky said that the cost per unit, \$7,500 if 16 are built, is less than the amount a city would normally have to put up to obtain affordable housing.

The project would also help Albany obtain the 86 units of affordable housing necessary to comply with federal housing mandates. According to Planning Manager Gary Patton, the city could be put in a less advantageous position in obtaining certain grants if it does not meet its goal in the next few years. Albany currently has 16 percent of that goal fulfilled. None of the housing is city-sponsored.

The new housing, as currently envisioned, would involve tearing down the existing motel structure and building 14 to 17 one and three bedroom apartments for families earning between \$25,000 and \$32,000 a year, as well as possible affordable housing for seniors. Tenants would undergo a thorough screening process

## Tehiyah

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himself at times during the day. "I have a serious concern with that. I feel their private expansion is being underwritten at the expense of the taxpayer."

(The Parks and Recreation Commission was asked to address the issue of private school use of public parks as a result of the city council's discussion. Among topics for consideration are the fact that several private schools in town have "adopted" parks and have contributed to their maintenance in a variety of in-kind services and the possibility that some kind of use fee might be incorporated into private school use permits.)

Torres also responded to the deeper private school issue.

"I don't have a problem with a school being a private school in a residential community," he said.

Torres said the private school issue is not one of his main concerns as regards Tehiyah. In general, "I have some concerns about the policy of El Cerrito in supporting private schools without taking a deeper look into those issues and how they affect the community," he said.

Torres said his main concerns have to do with what

## Transit

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the proposal specifies that the following be included in the Transit Preferential Plan:

- Creation of exclusive bus lanes;
- Restriction of automobile turning movements which conflict with transit vehicles;
- Synchronization of traffic signals to the speed of transit vehicles rather than automobiles;
- Use of signal preemption devices for transit vehicles;

## Vista

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take courses at Vista.

April Green, a member of the Vista student council, said de-annexation was necessary to provide Vista students with basic facilities enjoyed by other colleges such as a cafeteria, a study area or a bookstore.

"We're very much looking forward to having a campus, a permanent site. Something that we can say is ours," Green said.

Along with Bates, City Councilwoman Maudelle Shirek and Berkeley businessman Bob Burnett are petitioning for the separation. Last week the trio released their proposed terms which call for receiving 25 percent of the district's assets. Burnett said the 25 percent figure was Vista's portion of the overall assessed valuation of the Peralta district.

"If you use the analogy of a divorce, that's what happens: You divide the assets at some ratio," Burnett said.

The proposal also suggests keeping furniture and office equipment used at its existing site. In exchange,

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it's been a long time since students have had an opportunity to make any such choices. They've only had five periods of classes a day, just enough to cover the basics.

"I'm excited about the decision," said Jane Bartke, head of the English department at Adams (and an El Cerrito city council member). "If you know anything about the age group, you know this is the age that should be able to experiment and to try new things."

"I'm very excited that we're going to be able to design some new programs for our students."

Those programs will come after a lot of faculty discussion; everybody has ideas on what to do. The department heads began informal discussions of the possibilities Monday, they were to begin more formal considerations yesterday.

The bottom line is that Adams is slated to get five more teachers in order to implement the new program.

"There are lots of ways you can configure this," says Bartke. "You have five teachers to do other things, and

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in pre-med studies and may become a pediatrician.

"I know I want to work with children and to help the community," she said.

Pollack isn't quite sure where he'll end up next year either; he'll be choosing between several campuses in the U.C. system. He plans to study computer engineering and computer science.

He has a number of other interests, as well. As a member of the National Ski Patrol, he volunteers his time at the Donner Ski Ranch, ready to provide first aid or CPR if needed after a ski accident. An expert skier, he's been involved in the sport since he was 2 years old.

to qualify for the apartments, and would be monitored by an on-site resident manager. Rents would run between \$375 a month for a one-bedroom apartment to \$500 a month for three bedrooms, and would not be subsidized by the government, but instead kept low by the fact that city, county and state grants allowed the project to be built cheaply.

"This is the farthest thing from public housing," said Gardener in response to concerns by some neighbors of the site about the project. "We're not a bureaucracy, but a small, business-minded local development corporation."

Gardener also stressed the fact that planning would involve community outreach and input meetings in April and May before any solid plan was submitted to the City Council.

"We're a good neighbor," said Gardener, who said that RCD owns 11 properties in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and that anyone can take a look at those properties to see the quality of RCD's work.

One possible bonus to the project might involve a

he perceives as a lack of city policy on school expansion and the appropriate size and use of facilities. Certain "planning policy issues" need to be more fully addressed, he believes.

He hopes the city will "look at the basics: Is there enough playground space, the use of public parks, (are there) limitations to growth" and then should "look at the policies the city wishes to support in regards to public schools and private schools."

The appeal asks that the City Council deny the increase in enrollment and "unprecedented over-building on the site" and fulfill certain requests dealing with existing conditions. Among the requests listed by Magyary in a document dated Feb. 27 are, for example; moving the front entrance to Barrett Avenue or the back of the school, allowing no pedestrian access from Tassajara or Carquinez avenues and no reduction in the number of parking spaces the city is requiring for staff.

The appeal was accompanied by 18 checks, most for \$10, written by residents of Tassajara and Carquinez Avenues and Francisco Way, covering the cost of the appeal fee.

The Planning Commission approved the use permit at its March 6 meeting, allowing for an increase of

• Extension of bus stops out to the traveled transit lane;

• Enforcement of regulations against double parking and parking in bus stops;

• Optimization of bus stop locations, considering factors such as bus operations and passenger safety;

• Posting and maintenance of transit schedule information at bus stops;

• Bus stop improvements such as benches and shelters;

small park built along the edge of Codornices Avenue and Kains Avenue at the Berkeley-Albany border, which would be funded separately as a joint venture between the two cities, would be small, with a few benches overlooking the street. Brodsky said he has spoken with Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean and that she seemed "very positive about the idea."

The Villa Motel site was vacated around this year after its owner's use permit was rejected by the City Council. It had previously been known as a beacon for prostitution and drug sales.

Gardener said that the project would benefit in a number of ways, including removal of the "blighted" Villa Motel structure, provision of affordable housing for residents and construction of the park. He said if all goes well, RCD will buy the property as soon as possible and have the existing structure demolished by the end of the year. Construction would most likely be held off until late 1997 while RCD attempts to get state and county funding for the project.

enrollment to 360 students from 300 and a long-term master plan for improvement and expansion of the school. The Design Review Board had previously considered the master plan in an informal study session.

According to city planner Ed Phillips, the school currently has 17,880 square feet of existing floor area. The master plan will add about 13,000 square feet of floor area, to consist of several classrooms, a multi-purpose room, for a total of 31,760 square feet.

The expansion plan is expected to take place in phases over five years, he said. The four classroom wings are part of the first construction phase.

The application was first submitted in November as part of the initial study of environmental impacts was completed in February.

Phillips also said the city had sent out a questionnaire about the school before the planning commission meeting. "A lot came back with complimentary responses as well as some concerns," he said.

Tehiyah Day School was formerly a public school. The 3.1 acre site was purchased by Tehiyah, which has been offering a day school at the site since 1984.

• Accessibility, bus stop design and maintenance improvements.

The premise in initiating the Plan, which modeled on a 1973 San Francisco ordinance that increased bus speed and frequency while drivers out of their cars, decrease congestion, air pollution, and may increase farebox revenue.

Following preparation by Community Development and Traffic and Safety, the plan was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and sent on to the council for final approval.

Vista would be a so-called basic aid district, property taxes in Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville would increase. Community college districts usually receive the majority of their money from state education funds, local taxes and student fees. But in a basic aid district, most of the money comes from local property taxes.

Union officials say in a basic aid district that local growth can only be paid for by either raising local taxes or cutting personnel. A union memo suggests Emeryville might want to get out of the deal to avoid higher taxes.

The petitioners not only hope to expand classes, predict a 16 percent increase in the number of students attending Vista over the next five years.

Burnett said he used very conservative figures in estimating that predicted a marginal two percent increase in property taxes.

Bates said Vista would continue to lease its site for at least another five years. Only after a public discussion would the district pursue a measure to pay for a permanent building, he said.

coming from those faculty discussions.

"We could look at a whole different way of working," she said. Among the options might be seven-period day, with each period shorter (as long as the terms of the faculty contract were followed), the school could return to a pattern followed "a time ago."

"We were able to offer two electives to each student," she said. "They'd take one class two days, other three days the first week. The next week it would reverse to 3/2. That way, they'd have five days of electives every two weeks."

"It gives you so much to have these five teachers makes it fun for the kids and fun for the teachers."

Having more choices would be fun for Bickham. "A lot of kids think we have way too many choices now, but I don't think so," he said. "I think it's necessary to have another class."

"If I could take another elective I would. I'd like to take an art class."

## Negotiations

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ductive. "Impasse isn't some big, dark ugly place that's avoided at all costs. It's just a stage. Sometimes it's appropriate, sometimes you could conclude negotiations with that," he said.

Riffer would not comment on items under negotiation. De Pasquale said Monday he is optimistic about the outcome of the negotiations.

"It sounds like they are willing to drop their move to impasse. That is encouraging. It means we are not at loggerhead," he said, noting, however, that the development does not agree that it will be easily reached, the outstanding issues.

"It looks like we have some pretty sticky issues, evaluations and transfers. I'm not sure why they are out on domestic partners," he said.



## Sandy Alderson: now he's the man caught in the middle

I used to be fun to be Sandy Alderson, but I don't think it's fun anymore.

The reason I don't think it's fun to be Alderson is because he walks around saying, "Sure I've been demoted, but it doesn't bother me."

Right. Alderson used to be the A's president, but after the new owners came in, he found himself demoted to vice president. But it doesn't bother him. That's because everyone enjoys getting demoted and losing power. Whenever I hear Alderson say he's not bothered, I think he's protesting too much.

I also think he's in a crummy situation. He's in charge of the A's baseball operations, while a gray humorless man named Ed Alvarez takes care of the business side of things. Unfortunately, Alvarez doesn't seem to know much about the business of baseball. One of

Alvarez' first acts as vice president was to fire the people who were baseball-literate. So Alderson is in the position of doing most of the things he used to do without having the glory and the prestige.

It does not make Alderson's job any easier that almost no one trusts the new owners. A reporter (not me) recently was strolling past the office of new owner Steve Schott in Phoenix Stadium. Schott was talking on the phone while the door was open. The reporter heard Schott say, "These —hole writers from the Bay Area won't give us a break."

To be honest, I long have believed that most team owners say things like that about sportswriters. Without exception, however, they have the good sense to shut the door. As you can imagine, news of Schott's remarks spread quickly,

and right now the writers who cover the A's are having T-shirts printed: "We are the —hole writers from the Bay Area who won't give the A's a break."

That's what I mean about the new owners not making Alderson's job any easier. Alderson is showing the tension caused by the collective ineptitude of Alvarez and Schott, and by the ballpark fiasco. Recently, I interviewed him for a column I was writing about a certain person in the A's organization. Alderson strung together four or five glowing sentences about this individual, then paused, frowned and said, "Is that enough bullshit for you?"

Well gee, Sandy, I didn't realize it was so hard to be nice. Not to mention sincere.

Alderson long has been a controversial figure in the A's organization, and although no one questions his competence,

some people don't like him. One A's insider told me, "It's dangerous to have someone like Sandy in a position of power." He meant that Alderson lacks compassion, holds a grudge, is cold.

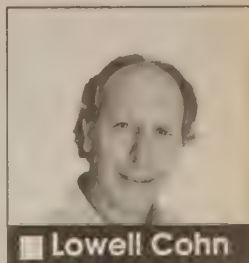
Actually, to call Alderson cold is an understatement. He is glacial. It's as if he's put a refrigerator between himself and humanity. When his front-office staff was fired before this season, he didn't lift a finger to defend them. Someone familiar with Alderson was not surprised. "Sandy's mentality was formed in the military," this person told me. "If you storm the beach and someone goes down, you hand the rifle to someone else."

Over the years, Alderson has periodically flipped out in the owner's box while watching games. That's his prerogative. Hell, flipping out and throwing things is part of the fun of being a general manager.

But Alderson went one step further. After games he'd storm into the coaches' locker room and let them have it. Once, he berated the coaches while the media was next-door talking to Tony La Russa. The writers heard everything. "Tony was obviously very uncomfortable," someone who was there told me.

One time last season, Alderson yelled at the coaches about a certain player who had been swinging early in the count and making outs. Alderson threatened to "ship him out of here." When Alderson left, one of the coaches said, "Some day I'd like to kick that guy's ass."

On the other hand, Alderson is 100 percent honest, and never lies. These are admirable qualities when you consider that sports executives lie to the press on a daily basis. Alderson is fair without being kind. He is hardworking and intelligent, and for the first time in his career, he



Lowell Cohn

finds himself in a divided organization. A split now exists between the baseball operations and the other departments on the A's, something that never happened under Walter Haas. The new owners expect the A's to win but have no understanding of what it takes to win. All of which means Alderson could end up being the fall guy if the A's turn out to be as bad as most people predict.

We'll see if he'll accept that situation as cheerfully as he's accepted getting demoted.

## Souza has EC swimmers marching to his beat

Coach pushing his team to new depths

By Peter Mentor

El Cerrito coach Rob Souza isn't asking his swimmers to do anything he hasn't done.

The former De Anza High swimmer knows it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make swimmers competitive.

Souza, an El Sobrante native, swam for the De Anza Dons and put in 10 years of swim workouts with the West County Aquatics, where he has coached for the last two years.

Now Souza is the new coach for the Gauchos, taking over for former coach Anthony Ginn, who quit to concentrate on his college studies.

Souza, 23, is not far removed from the swimmers he coaches. He graduated from De Anza in 1991 and is now a marketing major at Cal. Except for his clipboard and civilian dress (non-swim wear), he could pass for one of the El Cerrito seniors.

But this coach is a little harder than previous coaches. He found that out from the start, when he asked his swimmers to do workouts and they looked at him with fear.

"There was a little complaining in the beginning," said Souza. "We were pushing them harder than they were used to. Our goal is consistency at a high level. What we want them to think about is coming in and working hard every day. That's the main focus of the team."

Coaching junior varsity is Jack Lisson, another De Anza grad turned Cal student, who coached as an

assistant at West County Aquatics. Lisson and Souza are good friends and they coordinate the team workouts together.

Lisson has the JV squad swimming anywhere from 3,000 to 3,500 yards per workout. Souza has the varsity up around 5,000 to 5,500 yards, depending on the day and proximity to meets.

"The level of intensity is harder," said Souza. "Last year they covered a lot of technique. That's what we're trying to incorporate."

The last few years coach Ginn has been a workhorse in trying to build the team and make it financially solvent. The new coaches are trying to take it one step further and make the Gauchos competitive.

When they first came to practice, many of the swimmers looked in dread at the workout schedule. Some still fear the intensity, but they are no longer shocked by it. Souza understands and softens his approach with encouragement.

"They had fear in their eyes," said Souza. "Now they're expecting it. I just got out of swimming. I think that's great because I can relate to them. I try to coach with one golden rule and that's positive reinforcement."

What may spur them on is the results. Souza says the race times are dropping and the team has the look of a winner.

The coaches cannot do it alone. Leadership must come from within the team. Souza has four captains and some talented young swimmers who making it



EC swim coach Bob Souza shares a laugh with senior Raymond Lam who, along with his brother Bryan Lam, will try to lead the team to the ACCAL championship.

happen for El Cerrito. They are pulling the others together to form one strong group.

### Five male leaders

On the boys' side are five swimmers who are helping Souza make El Cerrito stronger.

Senior co-captain Raymond Lam is a leader in many ways. He is the fastest swimmer on the team, which is hard not to notice. He has a shot at making it to North Coast in the backstroke and swims the 100 free and anchors the relays.

Souza heard rumor of a dubious work ethic on Lam's part, but that never materialized.

"He was thinking of not swimming this year," said Souza of Lam. "But he decided to give it a try. Everyone warned me he was a slacker, but he's my hardest worker. I think he found his love for the sport."

Souza thinks Lam has the potential to swim in college and could possibly get a scholarship if he keeps up the hard work this season. To make him a better

swimmer, Souza has Lam competing in a variety of events to increase his range.

Freshman Bryan Lam is Raymond's younger brother. The Lams get along like brothers, and their competitiveness helps spur them on.

"We have goal talks," said Souza. "One of Bryan's talks was to beat his older brother's times. He has the talent, I don't know if he has the drive. He's young."

Senior Pete Peters and freshman Mark Boey add depth and talent to El Cerrito. Peters, a blond-haired distance swimmer, is co-captain with the older Lam. Boey is one of the freshman dynamic duo with the younger Lam.

Peters swims the 200 and 500 freestyle. He has a shot at breaking the school 500 record, set last week by Raymond Lam in his first attempt at that distance.

Boey is a year-round swimmer, a member of the Golden Bear club team. He has a good shot at making North Coast in the 100 breaststroke, which Souza says is rare for a freshman.

Junior Ben Wong enjoys the new challenge Souza has brought to the team. Wong swims the 100 breast and 100 fly and works hard at improving.

"He doesn't realize how much talent he has," said Souza of Wong. "He really pushes hard in practice. He likes a coach who believes in him, who challenges him every day."

### Five female leaders

Senior co-captain Frith O'Cane is a well-rounded swimmer. She's also a team leader who has worked hard to bring everyone into the fold.

"She's helped me tremendously with the junior varsity, trying to bring the team together," said Souza. "A lot of people like to see team chemistry. In the past it was only at the meets, now it's all the time."

O'Cane swims freestyle sprints and the 100 back. She has a shot at NCS in the 100 free.

Senior Caely Cusick is the other co-captain for the girls. She swims 100 breast and like the other top swimmers is in relays.

Juniors Tia Shamada and Michelle Habdas are two of the best swimmers on the team. It's no wonder, since both swim year-round on club teams.

Shamada swims for the Montclair club team. She could reach NCS in the 100 fly, 500 free, 200 IM and 100 free. Souza hasn't tried her in the 50 free, but that is another option.

Habdas swims for Golden Bear. Her specialty is in the backstroke, although she also swims the 200 free, 200 IM.

Souza says that between high school practice and club practice, these swimmers swim from 8,000 to 9,000 yards a day. He sees them as the captains for next year.

Sophomore Juliet Miya has fit in well to Souza's hard-working style of coaching.

Miya swims the 100 and 200 free, but she's developing her butterfly technique.

## Fripp plays games with the best of them

St. Mary's senior enjoys some post-season, all-star fun

By John Gardella

On his team's first possession, Nathan Fripp took an outlet pass, dribbled to just outside the 3-point arc, looked up, and saw high-flying Eddie House streaking towards the basket.

The alley-oop Fripp threw sailed over House's head; so high it could have cleared the roof of a two-story house. It was a pass the cerebral Fripp probably wouldn't have attempted, and normally wouldn't.

Usually, Fripp's coach at St. Mary's, Nathan Jose Caraballo, would be livid with his point guard. This time, though, Caraballo smiled and shook his head. Fripp and House turned down court, smiles on both their faces.

No need to reprimand. Not in a senior all-star game, with a bunch of talented high school players

improvising and having a good time. Caraballo, coaching Fripp's team in this affair, was letting his players enjoy themselves.

With the regular season over, the state championships decided, all-star games are plentiful this time of year. The best-of-the-best get invited to show their stuff against comparable talent, in front of oohing-and-aahing crowds.

This was one of those games. Fripp, who worked himself into one of the premier point guards in the East Bay, shared the floor with Arizona State-bound Eddie House, Rashad "Sweet Pee" Floyd, who'll be playing basketball and football next year for Portland State, and Winters Patterson of Balboa High, the state's leading scorer this year.

"We were all out there to have a good time," Fripp said. "It would have been nice to win (Fripp's squad lost 141-135) but basically we wanted to have fun."

The difference between this game and others like it, however, was, not who got selected, but how and why they got selected. In an age when coaches, teachers, and players pay lip service to the first

part of student-athlete, Fripp and the other 48 players in Saturday's Second Annual Academics and Athletics All-Star Basketball Showcase at De La Salle High, were invited to participate as much for their work in the classroom as for their work on the hardwood.

"Being asked to participate in this game ranks right up there with the other accolades I've gotten," said Fripp, an all-league selection in football and basketball. "It's very gratifying to be recognized for what I've done in the classroom."

The showcase was the brainchild of St. Joseph High girls' basketball coach Chris Rivers. The selection process began in February when application forms were sent to over 100 boys and girls coaches the North Coast Section. The players were selected based on GPAs, SAT scores, and essays about interests outside basketball.

"Reading some of these essays, you see how focused these kids are," Rivers said. "A lot of them who have talent to play at the college level, aren't even that interested because they want to

concentrate on their studies. This game rewards those types of kids."

Fripp, like the rest of participants in the boys' and girls' game, has managed to excel in high school sports while taking care of his business inside the classroom.

He doesn't have to worry about getting the minimum score required on the SATs to play college ball, and he expects a visit from the coaches of BYU-Hawaii. The NAIA powerhouse is very interested in his services.

It's rare to encounter a handful of well-rounded, focused high school seniors, let alone fifty! And athletes to boot!

A clue to their success, perhaps, can be found in the player-profiles each individual filled out for the showcase. Fripp named the University of Kansas' point guard Jaque Vaughn as his favorite player.

"He's the perfect floor leader," Fripp wrote. "Always in control."

Just like Fripp. In the classroom. On the court. Except when you throw errant passes in meaningless games, just for fun.



## Emergency

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cluding information surveys by which neighbors can share important information — pets that need to be rescued, the location of gas mains to be shut off after a major earthquake.

They will also explain the various responsibilities team members may undertake, including first aid, search and rescue, safety and security and communications.

At a second meeting, firefighters will give some practical tips on individual home preparedness, from securing furniture to how to use a fire extinguisher. (Interested residents get to put out their own mini-fires, using a variety of extinguishers.)

The NEAT program stresses both individual and neighborhood/community planning and preparation.

The community's communications network is among the first to be organized.

"The communications people are among the most important in the whole scheme of things," said Brown. "Lots of aid that comes in from the outside hinges on what's happening in the neighborhoods. We need a working communications system to help us know what's going on."

Resident Ivan Sturman is one of the volunteers helping to make that system work.

"We're cooperating with RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services) in El Cerrito," said Sturman, who has operated ham radios as a hobby and is now making his skills available in service to the community.

"The network will be (centralized) at the Emergency Operating Center in El Cerrito; we felt there would be unnecessary duplication if we established one in Kensington, too.

"That center will have radio communication with Neighborhood Assistance Centers. Right

now, we're looking at two sites in Kensington, one at the elementary school, one at the fire department. We're also looking for other possible locations."

According to Sturman, operators of amateur radios or CBs, or even runners, will be responsible for communicating any emergency information to the Neighborhood Assistance Centers. That will then be communicated to the EOC, which can then seek out the means to help.

"This all needs to be pre-arranged," said Sturman. "(Eventually) we will need exercises, drills and rehearsals, so things won't be chaotic if a disaster occurs.

"We are setting up an organized system; the key (now) is training."

The KCSD has authorized the purchase of ham radios for the two Kensington centers. Neighborhood communication, however, will depend on citizens organizing themselves.

To help toward that end, the fire department will offer two two-hour training classes will be offered at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., in upcoming weeks. "Strengthening Homes" will begin at 7 p.m. tonight. It will cover such topics as strapping water heaters to securing furniture and bolting home foundations, all important earthquake preparedness measures.

"Safety and Security" is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2.

The primary class topics will include suggestions for design-

ating a neighborhood gathering place and taking care of pets, instructions for shutting off neighborhood gas meters, electric and water lines (and instruction on when such action is necessary) and for identifying and roping off hazardous areas.

The hands-on fire extinguisher training will also be offered.

No reservations are needed for these classes.

Kensington residents are also invited to attend classes offered at the main El Cerrito Fire Department, 10900 San Pablo Ave. at Manila. "Preparedness for Pets" (Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.), "First Aid Saturday" (April 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and "CPR Heart Saver, Mod I" (Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to noon) require reservations; call the El Cerrito F.D. at 215-4450.

"Training for Neighborhood Captains (Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to noon), "Wildfire Preparedness" (Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.), and "Damage Assessment" (Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) will also be offered in El Cerrito. No reservations are needed.

Brown, who grew up in Kensington, has served with the El Cerrito Fire Department for 10 years. He was a volunteer with Kensington Fire for 16 years before that.

El Cerrito's own N.E.A.T. program expanded under the leadership of Captain Dave Gibson who held the fire prevention position for the last two years. Firefighters regularly rotate into new positions of responsibility.

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## Blotter

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March 18 and 19.  
• A drive shaft was taken from a car in the 5900 block of Cutting Boulevard on the evening of March 27. The left wheels of a vehicle were reported stolen in the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue.

• A Richmond man was arrested for possession of a concealed and loaded firearm at San Pablo Avenue and Wenkat 12:17 a.m. March 21.

• An Orville man was arrested for possession of methamphetamines at Carlson and Panama at 12:40 a.m. March 24.

• Two incidents of domestic violence were reported.

• An El Cerrito woman was arrested for driving under the influence after a collision in the 7400 block of Terrace Drive at 8:10 p.m. March 20.

Five other arrests were made for driving under the influence: a Kensington man on Central Avenue at 3:37 a.m. March 21, a Richmond woman at Portola and Liberty at 5:15 a.m. March 20, a San Pablo man at Central and San Pablo Avenue at 12:13 a.m. March 22, a San Pablo man at Manila and San

Pablo Avenue at 1:20 a.m. March 23, and an Oakland man at Columbia and San Pablo Avenue at 3:30 a.m. March 23.

• An officer removed three juvenile females from a room at the Idaho Motel after responding to a party call at about 1:07 a.m. March 27. They were in the room with three adult males.

• Two Richmond male juveniles were arrested for auto burglary after a citizen reported the sound of windows being struck in the 1000 block of Everett; the incident occurred at about 9:18 p.m. March 21.

• Someone pulled the roof door from an apartment elevator in the 500 block of Lexington during the night of March 23; the door was seriously damaged by contact with electrical wire.

• Bricks were thrown at apartment windows in the 3300 block of Belmont Avenue at about 9:30 p.m. March 13.

• Mail was taken from a mailbox in the 6200 block of Jordan Avenue March 4 or 5.

• A lap computer was taken from the sidewalk while the owner was looking away on Alameda Avenue west of San Pablo Avenue at 2:30

p.m. March 25.

• Bikes were reported stolen from the 10000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 3 p.m. and 3:10 March 20 and from Portola School during the daytime March 27.

• Vehicles were vandalized; windows smashed, in the 1000 block of Everett Street during the night of March 21 and the 2500 block of Yuba Street during the early morning hours March 24.

• Shoplifters were arrested at Pastime Hardware (a Berkeley man), Auto Imports (an Oakland man), Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza (Berkeley woman), Food City (Richmond male juveniles), Richmond man, and Target Rodeo man, two Richmond juveniles, two Richmond juveniles, a Richmond man, and a San Francisco man.)

• The El Cerrito Fire Department and HazMat responded to an unidentified spill in the 6300 block of Manila Avenue at about 11:30 March 22. The road was closed for about 12 hours.

• A vinyl bag and a ring were turned in to the lost and found

## Easter schedule for regional parks

With the convergence of beautiful weather and the spring holiday season, regional parks may be crowded during early April weekends.

Easter Sunday falls on April 7 this year. It coincides with the Jewish Passover holidays and with a spring celebration called Sezezh Be-dar, which is observed by the Persian community.

Many regional parks are likely to be crowded on that weekend, such as Tilden in Berkeley, Redwood in Oakland, and Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton. Lafayette Reservoir, an East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) lake policed by the Park District, also experienced heavy crowds in 1995.

Regional parklands available

for Easter picnickers that tend to be less crowded are Contra Loma in Antioch, Briones in central Contra Costa County, Point Pinole in Richmond, Crown Beach in Alameda, King Shoreline in Oakland, Garin in Hayward, and Cull Canyon in Castro Valley.

Many picnic areas in the regional parks are designed for small groups and are available on a first come-first served basis. To obtain one of these sites, it is best to arrive at the park early. Larger picnic sites can be reserved for groups of 25 people or more.

No alcoholic beverages are

allowed at Sunol Regional Wilderness. At Shadow Cliffs, Miller-Knox, Crown Beach, Miller-Knox, Crown Beach, Martinez and Contra Loma regional parklands, beer and wine are allowed only at sites where groups have obtained reservations. At other parks, beer and wine will be consumed at picnic areas, no hard liquor is allowed.

To obtain more information, reserve a picnic site, phone the Bay Regional Park District Reservations Department at (510) 1684

## Sexually transmitted diseases on the rise

WEST COUNTY — Local health officials warn that while the rate of some sexually transmitted diseases is declining, there is an epidemic across socio-economic and ethnic strata for at least one.

Contra Costa County Health Services Department experts say chlamydia, which is the leading cause of involuntary infertility, is rampant among teenagers and young adults under 25.

"Unfortunately, California has the highest rate of chlamydia in the nation," says Dr. Wendel Brunner, Assistant Health Services Director for Public Health. "Since there are usually only mild symptoms, it is very easy for those who have it to transmit it to others through sexual contact."

Brunner says the best way to reduce the spread of the disease, prevent infertility and reduce adverse pregnancy outcomes is through safe sex practices such as using a condom, screening and treatment. The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will be proclaiming April STD Awareness Month to raise awareness about the problem.

According to Brunner, chlamydia can be detected through a simple test, which is available through most health providers, including the Contra Costa County Health Services Department's comprehensive health care system at several locations. Treatment involves taking an antibiotic for seven to 14 days.

"Our most powerful resource against this disease and other sexually transmitted disease is public education, along with screening and treatment," says Brunner. "Many of the young people who have chlamydia lack basic knowledge about the disease and don't know they should be screened."

Although the disease has few symptoms, consequences can be severe.



## Night Fights.

That's what happens when the sexes battle over sleeping arrangements.

She starts with lots of covers. Already, it's too warm for him. By the middle of the night, he's restless and wakes in a sweat. She feels like she's sleeping next to a blast furnace.

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## The AB craze: here we go again!

by Paul Yazolino

ups a day seven days a week. That ought to have trimmed some belly fat, right? Wrong! Nothing happened. Finally, I reduced my fat and carbohydrate intake, and those unwanted inches disappeared.

Why can't an AB machine trim waistline fat? There's a principle of descending exercise efficiency. We burn more calories running than walking; walking than standing still; standing still than seated; and seated than lying down. How do you use an AB machine? Lying down.

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Should you jump on the AB bandwagon? Perhaps, but if you're 15 or more pounds overweight, don't rely on this machine to solve your weight/waistline problem. Use the AB to add some muscle strength around your midsection, then get

yourself a good treadmill or head to your local gym.

**Paul Yazolino**, president of Fitness Equipment USA, is the 1995 World and U.S. National Masters champion sprint cyclist and holder of the world and national records in his class. His athletic career spans over 30 years and includes the Mr. USA bodybuilding title and a silver medal in power lifting. His championship-level athletic background and his early training in mechanical engineering make him one of the fitness equipment industry's top experts. Paul is a consultant to the orthopedic, sports medicine, and rehab communities, a member of the Advisory Board of the International Strength Building Council, and frequently appears on radio and television talk shows.

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(Before you begin any exercise program, check first with your physician or an exercise physiologist.)

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## Taking it off and keeping it off

by Jerilyn Feitelberg

Losing weight is difficult enough, but keeping it off makes running the Boston Marathon in record time a piece of cake by comparison.

Peggy Vincent is an individual who has not only lost 80 pounds but has managed to keep it off for three years. She is, at 5'8" and 134 pounds, lean, muscular (but not muscle bound) and in better shape than she was in her 40's.

An apprentice personal trainer with Dr. Laura VanHarn, owner of Phytiness Connection in Montclair, Peggy is a wonderful example of the correlation between weight loss maintenance and a well planned exercise program which emphasizes weight resist-

ance training. Resistance training increases lean muscle mass which burns substantially more calories at rest than fat.

Working at Phytiness Connection (an exercise studio which gears its agenda to addressing the particular physical needs of the more mature client) Peggy is able to assist clients while learning new training methods and continuing to keep herself in top condition.

A former midwife, Peggy wanted to make a change in her life and seek a new career. Three years ago and 80 pounds heavier, she decided to change her dietary habits. Her goal was to find a



Peggy 2 years ago.

healthy way of eating which she could continue for a lifetime. Peggy recognized that changing her food intake could help her to lose weight, but only exercise could help her to sustain weight loss. Since she viewed a commitment to diet and exercise as a lifelong endeavor, Peggy began to work out at the Oakland "Y" with Jack



Peggy today.

Holleman who is a trainer there. Jack and Laura VanHarn are colleagues, so it was natural for Peggy to come to the Phytiness Connection as an apprentice trainer.

Peggy maintains an intense workout schedule; one hour per day of weight resistance training 5 to 6 days a week; 6 to 8 hours per week of aerobics and 1/2 hour a day of stretching exercises. It's easy to see, given this rigorous schedule, how Peggy maintains her healthy, toned appearance.

While you may have neither the time nor the inclination to devote the same number of hours to exercise as Peggy does, a program tailored to your individual needs at Phytiness Connection will go a long way toward helping you to maintain weight loss.

Phytiness Connection is located at 6116 La Salle in Montclair Village. Mon-Fri, 7am-8pm, Sat 7am-6pm, Sunday by appointments only. (510) 339-6546

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INSIDE•OUT FITNESS provides personal training, tanning, specialized target training and cardio sculpt classes, as well as child care. They have also recently begun Massage Therapy. Classes run Monday through Friday, from 6:00am to 10:30am and from 4:15pm to 7:30pm, and on

Saturday and Sunday mornings. Corporate memberships and family discounts are available. Community oriented workshops such as Women's self defense and CPR are offered periodically.

INSIDE•OUT FITNESS is a community-minded establishment that takes pride in its

membership's diversity and camaraderie, which its owner, staff and instructors feel is one of its strongest assets. INSIDE•OUT FITNESS has proven over the years to have the programs, talent and facilities to meet most everyone's personal fitness and wellness needs.



Two East Bay riders prepare to warm up their ponies for a Hunter Jumper show at Bottomley Farm. Left: Stefanie Putnam on her prize-winning show pony "Mary's Debutante". Right: Maggie Barr on her Welsh/Arabian pony "Copper Penny". Both ride at Bottomley Farm. For more information, call 510-228-3766.



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SPACIOUS RANCH.....\$698,000  
Newer construction. Lovely appointments &  
upgrades. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Bay view & pretty  
garden. Rumpus room too. **Kay Grubb**

HILLER HIGHLANDS.....\$585,000  
Spectacular large view home in prime location.  
4BD/3BA, formal dining room, state-of-the-art  
kitchen & much more! **Ollie Hammerel**

PIEDMONT ENTERTAINER'S DELIGHT.....\$539,000  
Level in & views, hwd floors, fireplace, fabulous  
kitchen. Large rumpus down. Decks & view. Really  
special. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. **Donna Ranslem**

PIEDMONT NEW LISTING!.....\$509,000  
Exceptionally charming 2 story traditional. 4BD/  
3BA with yard. Located in the heart of Piedmont.  
Close to park and school. **Adriana Giacomelli**

HILLER HIGHLANDS - SF BAY VIEW.....\$459,000  
Lovely 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhome. Large master  
suite with fireplace, spa tub and walk-in closet. gour-  
met kitchen. **Ollie Hammerel**

LEVEL HILL HOME.....\$455,000  
See this perfect 4BD/3BA beauty. Sellers invite off-  
ers. Hardwood floors, fabulous kitchen & family  
room. Large lot. **Kay Grubb**

MAJESTIC LEVEL LIVING.....\$439,000  
Spacious Skyline home. 5BD/3+BA, vaulted ceil-  
ing, family room, large patio area, pool & cabana.  
Well-spaced home for privacy. **Ruby Ng**

PEPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$429,000  
Classic Span. Med. with original architectural detail-  
ing. 4BD/3BA. Plenty of room including downstairs  
family room with fireplace. **Michael Thompson**

NEW HOME.....\$379,000  
With wooded canyon views. Family room off kitchen  
opens to yard. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, many ele-  
gant touches. **Evelyn Walker**

PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$379,000  
Sharp contemp. with remodeled kit, hwd flrs &  
French doors. Decks lead to jacuzzi tub. 4BD/2BA,  
walk-in closets & 2-car garage. **George Karsant**

PIEDMONT.....\$359,000  
Charming brown shingle with exceptional features  
& built-ins. 3BD/1.5BA, spacious rooms, sun room/  
family room. Just listed. **Adriana Giacomelli**

PIEDMONT.....\$329,000  
Updated California bungalow with added 3rd  
bedroom. Fresh paint, new carpet. 3 bedrooms,  
2 baths. **Fritz Hochfellner**

HADDON HILL.....\$319,000  
Updated Span. Med. 4BD/2BA, old world charm  
w/ arched windows, built-ins & crafted frpl. Up-  
dated kit. Beaut. lvl ldscep yard. **Sherry Benninger**

SERENE RETREAT.....\$289,000  
Walk to Montclair Village from this sparkling con-  
temporary with walls of glass. 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths,  
office/au pair. **Dell M. Orr**

SUNNY & CHARMING.....\$267,500  
Pretty Crocker Highlands traditional with great curb  
appeal, level yard, formal dining, updated kitchen &  
breakfast room. 2BD/1BA. **Dian Hymer**

NESTLED IN THE TREES.....\$225,000  
This Montclair hideaway has 3 bedrooms and  
2.5 baths. Level-in entry. Loads of storage plus a  
workshop. **Terry Kulka**

GRAND LAKE.....\$219,000  
Spacious & bright 2+BD/1+BA. Remodeled kitchen  
& bath. Stained glass French doors, formal dining.  
Landscaped yard. **Stacy Winett**

ROCKRIDGE CHARMER.....\$215,000  
2BD home with fireplace, hwd floors, basement &  
detached 10x40 shop/garage. Large lot. best oppor-  
tunity in Rockridge. **Don Coelho**

ROCKRIDGE.....\$185,000  
Walk to Rockridge BART. 3BD, 2BA. Separate living  
space downstairs. Nice yard. **Don Coelho**

MAXWELL PARK.....\$174,950  
Large 4 bedroom home with rear building that could  
be used for play room, bedroom or home office.  
South Bay view. **Joan Alford**

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610 MADISON.....	ALBANY.....	2BR/1BA.....	\$205,000.....	KIM CLEVELAND
737 SPRUCE.....	BERKELEY.....	3BR/2.5BA.....	\$359,500.....	MELISSA LYCKBERG
1759 HOPKINS.....	BERKELEY.....	4BR/2BA.....	\$339,000.....	KIM MARIENTHAL
1304 BAY VIEW.....	BERKELEY.....	2+BR/2BA.....	\$300,000.....	GABY OLANDER
1811 HOPKINS.....	BERKELEY.....	2BR/1BA.....	\$289,000.....	MELISSA LYCKBERG
2104 DERBY.....	BERKELEY.....	2BR/1BA.....	\$219,000.....	LINDA WOLAN
2806 GRANT.....	BERKELEY.....	2BR/1BA.....	\$154,000.....	RITA ZWERDLING
18 WILDWOOD PL.....	EL CERRITO.....	3BR/2.5BA.....	\$184,000.....	DIANA KAY
541 MANDANA.....	OAKLAND.....	3BR/1.5BA.....	\$249,000.....	DAVE MOSS
6650 ARMOUR.....	OAKLAND.....	3BR/2BA.....	\$229,000.....	MAMOOD MOKTARI

### BY APPOINTMENT • 486-1495

BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

EXQUISITE BERKELEY HILLS TUDOR.....\$525,000  
Bay views! Level in to tiled foyer! Large living room,  
formal dining with French doors to deck. 4 bed-  
rooms, 3 baths, master suite has spa/bath, beautiful  
ly updated throughout.

BERKELEY OLD WORLD CHARM.....\$375,000  
Incredibly warm, charming & spacious 3 bedroom,  
2 bath home in the Berkeley hills. Tudor style with  
formal dining, decks, bay views. Freshly painted,  
ready to move-in.

SPARKLING NORTH BERKELEY  
REMODEL.....\$339,000  
Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home near Hopkins track,  
pool & tennis courts, and Northbrae shopping.  
Great kitchen, hwd floors, fireplace and slate entry.  
A lot of beautiful house for the money!

SUNNY BAY VIEW  
KENSINGTON HOME.....\$279,000  
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with gleaming hardwood  
floors & sprawling bay views. Good floor plan,  
wonderful backyard, good Kensington neighbor-  
hood and 2 car garage.

REMODELED KENSINGTON  
CHARMER.....\$249,000  
Near the circle with restaurants and shops.  
Remodeled throughout! Sun-filled 2 bedroom home  
with new kitchen that opens to a lovely quiet  
garden.

COSMETIC FIXER, ALBANY HILL.....\$245,000  
Contemporary style home with 3 bedrooms, 2+  
baths, hwd floors & beautiful hill views. Easy  
commute. Motivated sellers, make offer.

MAGICAL MONTCLAIR SETTING.....\$229,000  
REDUCED \$30,000! Lovely contemporary set into a  
hillside at the end of a cul-de-sac, private & quiet  
with canyon views. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Seller has  
bought another home and is ready to make a deal.

GET OUT OF TOWN!.....\$228,000  
See what you'll gain by heading a few miles North!  
Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath quality contemporary  
with family room and a gorgeous landscaped level  
garden with wooded hills beyond. A garage too!

BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN.....\$219,000  
JUST LISTED! Charming craftsman just a short  
walk to restaurants, shops & trans. Built-ins, hwd  
flrs, formal dining, 2BR, 1BA, all ready to move in.

ALBANY VIEWS AND GARDENS.....\$205,000  
On a double lot with 11 large terraced beds and  
views from Albany hill. 2BR, 1BA, fireplace, hard-  
wood floors, sunny kitchen, new roof and more!

DIMOND DISTRICT  
OAKLAND CHARMER.....\$162,000  
2 bedrooms, 1 bath with formal dining & bay win-  
dows. Extra large garden with fruit trees and deck.

BERKELEY BUNGALOW,  
CRAFTSMAN DETAIL.....\$154,000  
Spacious 2BR with large kitchen, formal dining &  
frpl at this incredible price. Move-in cond, nice yard.

BARGAIN COUNTRY.....\$109,000  
Two bedroom 40's home, fresh white color, new soft  
pecan carpeting, refurbished bath. Everything's up  
to snuff but the kitchen. Detached garage on large  
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## Area Home Sales

<b>ALAMEDA</b>	615 Everett St. - \$176,000
2716 Calhoun St. - \$270,000	1531 Richmond St. - \$145,500
1137 Clarke Ln. - \$250,000	2636 Tuller Ave. - \$212,000
1345 Fernside Blvd. - \$200,000	<b>EL SOBRANTE</b>
1346 Hansen Ave. - \$315,000	3999 Garden Rd. - \$375,000
1618 Minton St. - \$248,500	496 Rincon Rd. - \$167,000
51 Salmon Rd. - \$350,500	<b>EMERYVILLE</b>
1023 Willow St. - \$180,500	6363 Christie, 725 - \$119,000
<b>ALBANY</b>	26 Emery Bay Dr. - \$129,000
707 Cornell Ave. - \$222,000	<b>OAKLAND</b>
943 Key Rte. Blvd. - \$187,000	1520 Adeline St. - \$175,000
<b>BERKELEY</b>	3355 Birdsall Ave. - \$152,500
1405 Blake St. - \$147,000	16 Chambers Dr. - \$487,000
1155 Camelia St. - \$259,000	655 Chetwood St. - \$164,000
53 Chancellor Pl. - \$110,000	24 Croxton St. - \$136,000
1721 Delaware St. - \$152,000	929 E. 15th St. - \$127,500
1307 Derby St. - \$220,000	1809 E. 17th St. - \$110,000
25 Eucalyptus Rd. - \$852,500	2700 E. 23rd St. - \$120,000
1945 Francisco St. - \$218,000	763 Franklin, 323 - \$107,000
1812 Franklin St. - \$232,000	801 Franklin - \$166,000
495 Grizzly Peak - \$424,000	3035 Frye St. - \$332,000
2428 McGee Ave. - \$106,000	7733 Greenly Dr. - \$115,000
1326 Milvia St. C. - \$134,000	3878 Hanly Rd. - \$269,000
1630 Prince St. - \$242,000	6645 Heartwood Dr. - \$362,500
543 Spruce St. - \$349,000	237 Hermosa Ave. - \$340,000
1679 Tacoma Ave. - \$281,500	1110 Hollywood Ave. - \$135,000
2365 Virginia St. 4 - \$215,000	475 Jean St. - \$129,000
1125 Woodside Rd. - \$325,000	1 Kelton Ct. 10h - \$163,000
<b>EL CERRITO</b>	2615 Kingsland - \$100,000
925 Avis Dr. - \$193,000	4150 Laurel Ave. - \$160,000
5209 Ernest Ave. - \$165,000	5810 Lawton Ave. - \$324,000
7321 Eureka Ave. - \$242,500	320 Lenox Ave. - \$294,000

353 Lewis St. - \$165,000	2275 Marina Blvd. - \$269,500
3183 Madera Ave. - \$143,000	14751 Van Ave. - \$189,000
81 Montell St. - \$225,000	440 Warden Ave. - \$115,000
926 Moorpark St. - \$102,500	<b>SAN LORENZO</b>
2656 Nicol Ave. - \$139,000	605 Drew St. - \$145,000
4053 Oak Hill Rd. - \$261,000	15586 Sharon - \$150,000
5195 Parkridge Dr. - \$263,000	1910 V. Amigos - \$158,000
8050 Phacton Dr. - \$182,500	1938 V. Amigos - \$168,000
3829 Randolph Ave. - \$140,000	2052 V. Amigos - \$170,000
2690 Ritchie St. - \$145,000	1752 V. Barrett - \$176,000
6900 Sayre Dr. - \$228,500	17024 V. Pasatiempo - \$166,000
4967 Scotia Ave. - \$230,000	16083 V. Toledo - \$155,000
139 Sheridan Rd. - \$705,000	17000 V. Valencia - \$155,000
492 Staten Ave. - \$183,500	<b>SALES STATS BY CITY</b>
460 Stow Ave. - \$162,000	<b>ALAMEDA</b>
8630 Thermal St. - \$110,000	TOTAL SALES: 7
4107 Webster St. - \$125,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$180,500
1733 Woodhaven - \$254,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$350,500
811 York St. - \$113,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$259,214
<b>PIEDMONT</b>	<b>ALBANY</b>
1236 Ashmount - \$1,350,000	TOTAL SALES: 2
1726 Oakland - \$800,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$187,000
<b>SAN LEANDRO</b>	HIGHEST PRICE: \$222,000
14436 Acapulco - \$195,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$204,500
1230 Amber Cir. - \$245,000	<b>BERKELEY</b>
427 Cape Cod Dr. - \$222,500	TOTAL SALES: 16
814 Carmel Ct. - \$160,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$106,000
814 Chetland Rd. - \$187,500	HIGHEST PRICE: \$852,500
16783 Hannah Dr. - \$126,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$266,687
647 Hollyhock Dr. - \$226,500	<b>EL CERRITO</b>
16652 Kildare Rd. - \$219,000	TOTAL SALES: 6

<b>LOWEST PRICE: \$145,500</b>	<b>AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,075,100</b>
<b>HIGHEST PRICE: \$242,500</b>	<b>SAN LEANDRO</b>
<b>AVERAGE PRICE: \$189,000</b>	TOTAL SALES: 11
<b>EL SOBRANTE</b>	LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
TOTAL SALES: 2	HIGHEST PRICE: \$269,500
LOWEST PRICE: \$167,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$195,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$375,000	<b>SAN LORENZO</b>
AVERAGE PRICE: \$271,000	TOTAL SALES: 9
<b>EMERYVILLE</b>	LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000
TOTAL SALES: 2	HIGHEST PRICE: \$176,000
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$160,300
HIGHEST PRICE: \$129,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$124,000	
<b>OAKLAND</b>	
TOTAL SALES: 41	
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$705,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$203,548	
<b>PIEDMONT</b>	
TOTAL SALES: 2	
LOWEST PRICE: \$800,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,350,000	

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What shall we write that will be interesting, educational, perhaps amusing and might cause you to think when you buy or sell a house?

This week we might write about houses we've recently seen, tell you why we think certain ones will sell quickly and for the most money.

Or give you our opinion on the current market. We could write a file-away column about closing costs, title insurance, tax write-offs.

We might describe what a client is going through for a house to buy: juggling her job and kids, figuring what is possible, telling you how she feels as she compares costs, neighborhoods, condition,

space.

We could say how we helped her see her options, made sense of the process of buying, kept her going with her sense of humor intact.

We're curious to hear what you would prefer. We wonder how you have or will go about choosing the person who will assist you in real estate.

And so, if you will be so kind, please answer a few questions for us.

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1. I've been reading your column for—months—years

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6. I haven't called you because:  
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7. The agent I hired/will hire was/will be:

a. From a big office.  
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c. What's the difference?  
d. A "killer" negotiator.  
e. Someone whose primary interest is accomplishing my goals.

8. Finding someone who will not pressure me, talks my language and knows real estate is:

a. Very important to me.  
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c. I don't believe such people exist.  
d. Why would I need that?

9. I believe real estate agents have secret information they don't share.  
—Yes—No.

10. I have real estate questions now but I don't want to be obligated to a specific agent  
—Yes—No.

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11. I have recently purchased real estate how-to books.  
—Yes—No.

12. I will need the services of an agent soon  
—Yes—No.

Please accept our thanks.

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Watch for a column about this column.

Pat Talbert and Anet Taroff are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Taroff & Talbert, at 653-2050.

## Realtor Profile



**Janet Kaplan, Winters Realty, 3700 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94610 832-4114.**

Janet Kaplan is a highly successful Realtor affiliated with Winters Realty in Oakland. She specializes in residential real estate primarily in Oakland and Berkeley.

During her seven-year career, she has gained the respect of her associates and her clients. She has earned their admiration through her ability to stay on top of the entire realty process, from the open of escrow to its successful conclusion. Her attention to detail, her diligent follow through, her charisma and her warmly felt compassion make her a magnet for a wide cross section of folks.

Is it her New York savvy that has propelled her to be the top producer for Winters Realty for five consecutive years? Or is it her experience as a Manhattan taxi driver that has taught her how to get along with a wide variety of people? She says it is simply her commitment to providing the best possible service she can to her clients.

Janet did grow up in the Bronx. She says she loves New York but is very happy to be living in the

beautiful Bay Area. Although New York has been relegated to a nice place to visit, it is just one of many places in the world she has explored.

Janet loves to travel. She says it broadens her perspective by opening her up to new and imaginative ways of looking at things. Other interests that feed and reflect Janet's spark for life are hiking, backpacking, photography, movies, theatre, and the enjoyment of fine food.

Despite her playful and candid demeanor, Janet takes her real estate career very seriously. She has furthered her education in real estate beyond that required by the state and has obtained her GRI (Graduate, Realtor Institute) designation, one achieved by only five percent of all Realtors nationwide. Since 1990, Janet has been a member of the Golden Gate Business Association.

Her previous work as a the director of the Victim Witness Protection Project in Brooklyn Family Court has deepened her understanding of the need for people to be educated about the processes (legal and other) in which they are involved.

She has learned the importance of providing her constituents with the information they need in order to make sound choices and of educating them about the steps they will encounter along the way.

These skills translate easily to the world of real estate. Janet has become an astute listener committed to assisting home buyers and sellers to take well-chosen action.

Second to her dog (!) and her life partner of 15 years, Janet loves her work, which, she says, inspires her and brings her joy. She is dedicated to living a life of integrity and to bringing honest ethics to every situation.

## Tax help at Berkeley libraries

Berkeley Public Libraries will provide free tax preparation assistance through April 15 at the following branches and locations:

Claremont Branch, 2940 Boulevard Ave. Thurs. 11 a.m.—4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.—2 p.m. 644-6880.

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Call branches for appointments.

## Why are you paying rent?

A free series of quarterly home buying seminars are being offered by Jacalyn Evone, Realtor with Mason McDuffie Real Estate, Inc., and Yvonne Guyton-Johnson, senior loan consultant at North American Mortgage Company.

The first of the series scheduled for April 13 is designed for renters and first-time home buyers and will present a range of practical information on what it takes to make the transition from renting to home ownership.

Attendees will receive a free copy of the "Home Buyer's Handbook," and be provided the necessary guidelines for preparing for the loan qualification process.

If you're paying more than \$500 or more a month on rent, you should be building equity in your own home.

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## Chimney check basic safety

Storks nesting in chimneys were once believed to bring good luck, according to European folklore.

In fact, nests in chimneys, or blockages of any kind, are nothing short of bad news. They can cause smoking problems, chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

In 1992, 39,200 residential fires in the United States originated in chimneys, fireplaces and solid fuel appliances, according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

These fires resulted in 290 personal injuries, 90 deaths, and \$206 million in property damage.

Virtually all of these fires were preventable, according to the Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA), a non-profit foundation dedicated to public and chimney professional education.

Both CSIA and the National Fire Protection Association recommend yearly chimney inspections to help prevent these hazards.

Many American homeowners think their chimneys only need to be cleaned and inspected if they burn wood in their fireplaces or wood stoves.

But almost all home heating appliances, whether they burn gas, oil, wood or coal, rely on the chimney to safely carry toxic gases produced by the heating system out of the house.

A carbon monoxide detector can warn homeowners of potential poisonings after the deadly gas has already entered the living

area, but an annual chimney check can help prevent carbon monoxide from entering the home in the first place.

Each spring, homeowners shift into home-improvement mode. They clean basements and garages; paint and repair gutters and downspouts—and even inspect roofs for damages. But they usually don't inspect, repair or clean their chimneys, despite the potential for damage to their property, or even to their lives.

An annual chimney check by a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep usually costs less than \$100 and can deter the danger of fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

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In fact, when chimney fires occur, many insurance investigators relay on CSIA Certified Chimney Sweeps to determine whether a fire originated in—or damaged—the chimney system.

CSIA, established in 1983, is dedicated to the elimination of residential chimney fires, carbon monoxide intrusion in homes and other chimney-related hazards that result in the loss of lives and property.

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## Roses adapt well to climate

Nature scatters her plants by the hundreds using a number of different methods to ensure that some of the seeds or spores will come to rest and grow in a good location. Garden plants have an advantage over those in the wild because we are able to meet the cultural demands of a plant by placing it in a suitable location. If you are among the many that position plants where you like them, not where they like it, then unfortunately you will have to constantly battle environmental stress factors due to that poor plant placement.

A healthy plant is resistant to pest damage and disease. Whether a plant is in the wild or in your landscape, stress is as natural to the plant as disease. The more stress the plant encounters, the more likely the plant will succumb to disease. We are capable, by using correct cultural practices, of keeping our landscape plants under minimal stress which means the plant will be healthy and good looking.

All living things have minimum conditions that must be met to keep the organism alive. Meeting minimum conditions does not mean a healthy plant, only a living one! Optimum conditions keep the organism functioning at its highest level and thus looking good.

Conditions for optimum plant growth include proper soil, water, nutrients and weather conditions such as amount of sun, intensity of

sun, temperature range and wind. We are, to some degree, capable of controlling these conditions. By choosing a plant that is adapted to our Mediterranean climate, placing it in the proper location and caring for it properly, we can ensure more optimum conditions that random natural placement.

Roses are excellent choices for sites in the Bay Area where there is plenty of summer sun (full sun or a minimum of six hours per day) and little or no fog. Well, for most of us one out of two is not bad.

Moisture on foliage helps to spread rust and allows it to infect the plant. You can help decrease fog's effect on roses by planting the rose where it's foliage will dry as quickly as possible. That means a sunny location and one where there is plenty of air circulation to aid evaporation.

One to two inches of water at one time each week is ideal for roses. If summer is extremely warm you may have to water more than once a week. Make sure leaves are always turgid, not limp. Water should be applied by drip or by running the hose on the ground. You can form a basin about four inches in height around the plant. Fill the basin with water allowing the water to percolate slowly into the soil.

Nutrient requirements can be met by applying Rose Care every six weeks as previously discussed in the article on rose aphids. It is im-

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portant that the soil be slightly acidic (6.0 - 6.5 pH). Many Bay Area soils are alkaline. The addition of sulfur or organic material in early spring will aid in soil acidification and allow intake of needed minerals.

Pruning your roses in December or January is critical to allow adequate air circulation which will help eliminate disease in the approaching growing season. When the rose is pruned all the leaves on the pruned plant should be removed and discarded. Any leaves on the ground should also be discarded. The leaves contain fungal spores that are just waiting to infect the plant in the spring.

It has been my experience that roses can survive almost any amount of neglect. The neglected rose is not a pretty sight and makes a poor landscape statement. Healthy roses are created by proper care and that takes time and effort.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

## Strict rules apply to realty trust accounts

By H. W. Moss

Trust and time are the two intangibles real estate professionals have for sale.

Whenever a licensee accepts and holds anything of value including money, jewelry, an automobile pink slip or a promissory note in someone else's name, these are classified as trust funds. The broker is the trustee, the owner the trustor.

The Department of Real Estate (DRE) reports that over half the license violations they investigate every year are in the area of mis-handled trust funds. A list of sanctions against licenses can be found in the quarterly Real Estate Bulletin sent to all license holders, a form of public humiliation read with interest by the competition.

Due to the high incidence of trust fund mismanagement, everyone renewing a license after January of this year must take a three-hour DRE approved continuing education course in the subject.

Almost every transaction requires trust fund handling of one type or another but it is not required that every brokerage maintain a trust fund account at a bank. Typically, an earnest money check accompanying a deposit receipt is made out directly to a title company.

"We have a trust fund account but it's dormant," said Chuck Colliver, a broker with Century 21

Alliance in Daly City. "We don't use it for our escrows because it keeps our life simpler and doesn't give us a chance to abuse anybody's funds. Historically, most moneys were deposited in trust fund accounts, but I think that's no longer in fashion."

Many brokerages will be surprised to learn that all checks, including those made out to a title company and specifically earmarked "not to be cashed until offer is accepted," must be logged into an office registry in a timely manner. Otherwise, it is a statutory violation of real estate law and, technically, you could lose your license if you fail to record that check.

The Real Estate Commissioner has a statewide audit program which looks for just this type of violation. Approximately 80 percent of all audits carried out by the DRE reflect a trust account violation of some kind, according to Dan Garrett, a public information officer with the DRE.

"Not all of them are actionable," said Garrett. "Some are minor, simple mistakes or the result of sloppy bookkeeping. And a lot of people think, I've got a day of float. Maybe I'll wait and continue my golf game."

Actually, there is no specific statutory time limit for when funds must be placed in a trust account. Deposits are to be made in a "timely

manner," usually construed to mean working day. But this is frowned upon and, unfortunately for a perpetrator, it is easily discovered during an audit.

"Audits are usually prompted by a complaint," said Charles Krackeler, a Los Altos-based broker and author of two commercial college real estate texts. Krackeler teaches the two new courses on fund handling and fair housing. Funds were added to the mandatory continuing education requirements in 1994.

Krackeler suggests the best way to avoid a complaint is to follow DRE regulations promptly and the letter of the law. A number of seemingly minor infractions can lead to big problems for a brokerage, especially one that manages property.

Property managers must be licensed by the DRE and are subject to the rules regarding trust funds. One of the mistakes property managers commonly make is to use interest on rent money they collect. This is a clear violation since absolutely no interest may inure to the brokerage from moneys held in trust.

Proper record keeping requires that individual accounts be kept for each client within a trust fund. There is no limit to the number of beneficiaries within the trust account, but another pitfall common to many is to see TRUST on page 1



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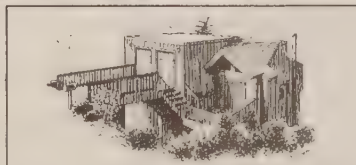


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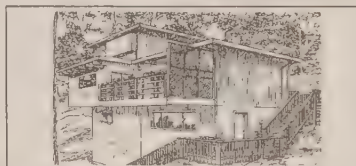
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**EXECUTIVE GEORGIAN COLONIAL.....\$545,000**  
5+BR, 3+BA colonial, FDR, massive LR w/floor to ceiling bookcase, fam rm flooded w/sunshine & opens to private study. Hdw flrs, wide archways, french windows. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE.....\$539,000**  
Prestigious 5 yr new, split level contemp by Jeff Armstrong, 3BR, 2.5BA w/spectacular views of Bay/Golden Gate bridges. Dream kitchen w/brkfst isle. High ceilings. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**CHILDREN GROW - HOUSES DON'T.....\$499,500**  
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**ORINDA RETREAT.....\$399,000**  
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**DRAMATIC MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$375,000**  
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**JUST LISTED! PERFECT!.....\$369,500**  
Wonderful Crocker Highlands. Lovely living from the well designed deck to a magnificent kitchen, to a cozy library with paneled walls on choice street. EDITH MARCUS 339-9281

**MODERN & DRAMATIC.....\$339,000**  
Montclair style & grace abound in this spacious 4+BR, 3BA family home w/bay views, home office plus family room & best schools make this a best buy. JODY EDMONSON 287-9582

**ROCKRIDGE HOME PLUS STUDIO.....\$319,000**  
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# A comparison of median home prices by region

	February 1996	February 1995
California (sf)	\$170,920	\$172,970
California (condo)	\$132,680	\$136,800
<b>Region</b>		
Central Valley	\$104,360	\$110,210
High Desert	\$98,130	\$93,100
Los Angeles	\$170,210	\$177,300
Monterey	\$223,750	\$225,860
Nor. California	\$133,330	\$133,080
Nor. Wine Country	\$188,390	\$184,380
Orange County	\$212,130	\$201,380
Palm Springs/Lwr. Desert	\$103,000	\$103,330
Riverside/San Bernardino	\$116,410	\$123,310
Sacramento	\$112,000	\$120,000
San Diego	\$174,220	\$173,160
San Francisco Bay	\$247,660	\$244,980
Santa Barbara	\$201,390	\$219,440
Santa Clara	\$248,680	\$255,000
Ventura	\$200,240	\$192,270

Source: California Association of REALTORS®

Although the across-the-board average is lower, prices on homes in the Bay Area continue to climb.

## Trust...

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from paying one client's bills with money from the common pool. Brokers are not allowed to cover shortfalls in one account with money from another even if there is no doubt the money is about to come in from the tenants.

Commingling funds is another violation frequently uncovered in an audit. Commingling should not be confused with converting. The first is mixing the brokerage's money with the client's. Conversion is outright theft and involves taking the client's money and using it as your own.

Garrett said there have been egre-

gious examples of conversion, such as the Crystal Mortgage debacle.

"Pillars of the community, the husband and wife brokerage team flat out left for Mexico one day and disappeared with a huge shortage," he said. "They left their home, their cars and their daughter. They were eventually brought back to face criminal as well as civil charges."

Trust fund accounts, when properly maintained, limit a broker's liability and protect the client's money. The money in a trust fund cannot be frozen if there is pending litigation against the broker.

Garrett said the two new courses do not increase the total number of hours, 45, required to renew a real estate license. It is the mix that changed. Trust fund handling and

fair housing were added to the existing required classes in agency and ethics.

"This is one of those mandatory courses that really hit home," he said. "It pushes licensees into areas that have a positive impact for the consumer and their professionalism. And there was a lot of support for it from the real estate industry."

No matter how much time is spent with a client, ultimately it is the confidence the customer has in a licensee which makes the deal work.

Trust is not just an empty concept, it becomes very real when money is involved.

H.W. Moss is a Realtor and a free-lance writer

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## California home sales post sharp rise

Closed escrow sales of California detached homes climbed nearly 25 percent during February from a year ago, registering the largest year-to-year percentage increase in sales since April 1994, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) reported today.

The extraordinary jump in California home sales during February can be partially attributed to the weak housing market that was experienced a year ago," said C.A.R. President Rick Snyder. "Much of the improvement in home sales during February, however, was driven by the ongoing strengthening in California's huge housing market," said Snyder, a San Diego Realtor.

"Home sales, for example, have increased from the month before during nine of the last 10 months, and February's 7.7 percent jump in sales from January was the sharpest monthly increase registered since July 1993," Snyder said.

Among highlights of C.A.R.'s February resale housing figures:

- Statewide, 506,430 existing, single-family detached homes closed escrow during February on a seasonally-adjusted, annualized basis, up 7.7 percent from a revised annualized rate of 470,320 homes sold in January.
- The February sales pace climbed 24.7 percent from the February 1995 annualized rate, when 406,140 homes were sold.
- The annualized figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 1996 if sales occurred at the February pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales.

- The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home sold during February was \$170,920, down 2.0 percent from \$174,450 in January.
- The February median price was down 1.2 percent from February 1995, when the median-priced home sold for \$172,970.
- "Despite the decline in California's overall median sales price, several major regions of the state have been experiencing increases in home prices during the last several months," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president of research and economics.
- "Median home prices, for example, increased during February from a year ago in many regions, including the San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego County, Orange County, and Ventura County. We expect this trend to continue and broaden to other regions of California as the year progresses and the state's economic recovery gains momentum," said Appleton-Young.
- Fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 7.17 percent during February, up from an average of 7.03 percent in January, but down sharply from 8.83 percent in February 1995, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.49 percent in February, up slightly from 5.43 percent in January, but down from 6.68 percent in February 1995.
- C.A.R.'s statewide Unsold Inventory Index was 11.5 months in February, up from 10.7 months in January, but down from 14.8 months in February 1995. The Index measures the number of months it would

take to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current rate of sales.

- Statewide, closed-escrow sales of condominiums increased 12 percent during February from the January sales level on a non-seasonally adjusted basis. Existing condo sales jumped 52.5 percent from the February 1995 sales level.
- The median price of a resale condominium was \$132,680 during February, down 0.9 percent from \$133,820 in January, and down 3.0 percent from \$136,800 in February 1995.
- The condo Unsold Inventory Index was 14.3 months in February, up from 13.8 months in January, but down sharply from 19.3 months in February 1995.
- Regional sales and price information are contained in the following charts. (Regional sales data are not adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales.)
- C.A.R.'s median price and sales data for detached homes are based on reports from 90 Boards of Realtors around the state. Median condominium price and sales data are based on a survey of 64 Boards. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums is based on closed escrow sales. Sales revisions reflect the reseasonalization of monthly sales data using seasonal factors calculated with the 1979-1995 sales.
- The California Association of Realtors, headquartered in Los Angeles, is one of the largest state trade associations in the United States, with nearly 100,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate.

## Coldwell Banker announces acquisition

Coldwell Banker Brokerage Company of Northern California has acquired the two previously independently-owned and -operated offices of Oceanshore Brokerage in Half Moon Bay and Montara, according to Coldwell Banker Northern California President Larry Knapp.

The acquisition brings to 53 the number of Bay Area and Sacramento area offices owned and operated by Coldwell Banker. Diana Plank, Pat Bernie, Paula Ross and Carol Foster, four of the founders of Oceanshore Brokerage will remain with Coldwell Banker along with their 23 sales associates.

"The acquisition fits comfortably with last year's purchase of Fox & Carskadon on the Peninsula," said Knapp. "It strategically fills out our coverage of this market."

Oceanshore Brokerage specializes in residential, country and ranch property from Pacifica to Santa Cruz and is the number one brokerage in Half Moon Bay where, according to MLS statistics, it has captured 51 percent of the residential real-estate market.

"We are very excited about the acquisition," said Plank. "It will allow our agents to provide the highest quality service to their clients."

"By joining Coldwell Banker, Oceanshore Brokerage will be able to provide a variety of services in-

cluding national advertising, a national referral system, the Previews, a program for upscale properties and Coldwell OnLine, which uses the Internet to market properties to national and international clients."

When Coldwell Banker purchased Fox & Carskadon in January 1995, it became the Bay Area's largest residential real-estate brokerage with over 2,000 sales associates and \$4.5 billion in sales volume.

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3	3	SF view, 4 bridges. Great house. Large lot	Oakland	2621
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## Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

ACCI Gallery, 1562 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley will exhibit To Cast A Shadow, a collection of landscape images and garden objects featuring Rod Titus, well-known Bay Area painter and printmaker. The show will also include Northern California artists George-Ann Bowers' mixed media, Kate Cameron's photography and Bill Creitz' sculpture. The exhibit runs through April 28. Visit the gallery Tues.-Sat., 10:30 to 5:30 noon-5, Sun. Call 843-2527 for more information.

A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. The next seminar will be held April 17. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

The non-profit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents What You Need To Know Before You Rebuild Or Remodel and Decoding the Building Codes: Getting It Right the First Time on Sat. April 13. For information about weekday classes or to register for classes call 525-7610.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203k mortgage workshop Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product, 7 to 9 p.m. Tues., April 16, at Realty World, 5845 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. The workshop will show you how to use the 203(k) loan product to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time. Call (800) 801-1320 ext. 240 for reservations.

Kathleen Crandall of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, Inc. teams up with Mike Woodridge and Kai Matsuda of WebRangers Online Design to present the free seminar Marketing Your Home On The Internet, Wed. April 10 at 2077 Mountain Blvd. Brokers, home buyers and sellers will benefit from learning how the World Wide Web works. Find out about the latest Internet technologies that can be useful in marketing a home. All levels and abilities welcome. Reservations are required. Call Kathleen at Mason McDuffie 869-4214 for

information and reservations.

The California Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society presents its annual Rhododendron Show and Sale, Sat. April 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sun. April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. The judged show will feature hundreds of flower trusses with a wide variety of species and hybrids, as well as foliage selections which reflect the great diversity of the color, texture and size of rhododendron leaves. A garden display will demonstrate the use of rhododendrons with companion plants. The plant sale will offer old favorites as well as rare species. For more information call (415) 348-1797.

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar on How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Rehab Loan, Thurs. April 18, 7 p.m. at the First American Title Bldg. 1528 Webster, Oakland. Buyers of fixer-upper properties use this loan to fund renovations. This loan will fund the entire rehab. Owner occupants can buy the finished property with no money down. The seminar will feature Paul Petersen of McCauley ERA, Joe Serrano of Homes by Design and Ernst Held of Affiliated Brokers. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell properties using this loan product. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at 528-0767 ext. 17.

Le Tip International, a organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

The Bay Area chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Wed. of every month at 6 p.m. at Showplace Square, 2 Henry Adams Street in San Francisco. Call (415) 255-6463 for more information.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

If you're interested in joining the Phantom of the Opera fan club or want to receive their newsletter, call Alison Trammell at 682-4793.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

## The self-employed & the IRS

In the past few years millions of Americans have started their own businesses. Many other people have become independent contractors working for various companies. Some wage earners have even set up situations for their employers where they work as both employees and independent contractors. All of these situations have one thing in common: for tax purposes they are considered self-employed and have to file on their tax return a "Profit and Loss" statement.

If you have your own business or receive a 1099 statement as an independent contractor, you must determine your net profit or net loss on your tax return. If the business is a sole proprietorship when the tax form to be filled out is schedule C.

The great advantage to being self-employed for tax purposes is that "all expenses in making or trying to make self-employed income" are tax-deductible. Unlike wage earners where there are limitations on tax deductions, self-employed people can write off every expense that is related to their business income.

It is essential to keep accurate records when you are self-employed. Save every receipt, keep ledgers or journals, and, above all else, think like a businessperson. That means not only to keep all these records, but to continuously evaluate how the business is doing.

I suggest you do a profit and loss statement for yourself every month when you start up a new business. See how much money is coming in, and, more importantly, how much is going out and for what types of expenses. Set up specific categories for your various expenses. Items such as rent, telephone, advertising, travel, insurance, materials and supplies, costs of goods sold, are basic categories for most businesses.

If you have expenses for business lunches, dinners, or entertainment, you can deduct 50 per-

cent of the total cost. If the expense occurred after Oct. 1, 1995, then you need a receipt for amounts over \$75 (\$25 if before Oct. 1). You must have kept some sort of written account of whom you took out, where you went, how much was the total cost (including tips), and what was discussed in relation to your business or profession. I suggest you save both the receipt and keep a diary of all such expenses.

The same is true for out-of-town travel. You need to show how it is relevant to your business and be able to distinguish between business and personal travel expenses.

For example, you go to Hawaii for a four-day business convention. You decide to go for a week. The airfare (including getting to and from the airport) is totally tax-deductible. You would then be able to deduct the hotel costs for four of the seven days, and one-half the meal cost for the four days of the convention.

Also, any other expenses relating to the convention would be fully deductible. If you rented a car for a week, four-sevenths would be tax-deductible. And, if you purchased a bathing suit for going swimming during the other three days, it would not be tax-deductible at all.

Car and truck expenses are totally deductible as long as they are for business purposes (including trying to get new business). If you work out of your house, you can usually deduct all business auto expenses without having to subtract out any commuting miles.

Also, if your business is located in your residence you may be able to deduct "home office expenses." Be very careful in taking this tax deduction. The IRS is very particular about allowing this tax write-off. Make sure you have set aside a specific space on a permanent basis that is used exclusively for your business.

Use tax form 8829 to determine how much of your home office is tax-deductible.

If you've purchased business equipment during the year, such as

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copy machines, faxes, computers, make sure to set up these items on a depreciation schedule (form 4562).

You can elect to "expense out" (rather than deduct these items over a given number of years) up to \$17,500 worth of depreciable items in the year they were purchased. But, there are limits to this expensing-out deduction based on the gross income of the business. Also, you may have to pay back some of these deductions (called recapture) if you do not stay in this business for at least five years.

After you've determined all of the business income and expenses you will arrive at the bottom line, a net profit or loss. The government has specific guidelines on net gains and losses. In the first five years of any business, you must show a profit for at least three years. And, most businesses can only take losses of up to five years over the total life of the business.

If you do have a net loss, you can use that amount to lower all of your other taxable income. If you have a net gain of over \$400 you also have to pay self-employed social security taxes on that amount. But, always remember that self-employed income (including social security taxes) is based on the NET amount, and never the gross income.

Dennis Kamensky is a tax accountant in Oakland. He is the owner of The Tax Pros and can be reached at 530-6001 (339-9680 evenings).

## Fixer-upper seminar on tap

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar on "How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Purchase/Rehab Loan" at 730 p.m. Thurs., April 18, at First American Title in the building adjacent to 1528 Webster, downtown Oakland.

Buyers of fixer-upper properties use this loan to buy and rehab property. The funds for the rehab are part of the loan. It can be used for owner-occupied or investment properties, one to four units. The interest rate, easier qualification. Owner-occupants can buy fixer-up properties for 0 down. Non-profit (churches or other) can buy and fix up properties for the community that they serve.

This seminar will feature HHI Consultant Joe Serrano of Homes by Design.

Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell properties using this loan product. If you are interested in buying and assuming a loan on a property that has already been fixed up, call to get on the list and come to the seminar. (This requires a good credit, but not down payment). Buyers, Realtors, contractors, non-profit organizations, churches, investors are welcome. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at (510) 528-0767, ext. 17.

## BEC classes

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## YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

### OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 6111 MAZUELA DR, Montclair 5bd/4ba, gourmet kit, pano bay vw The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 SATURDAY 12-3 \$939,000
- 6101 MAZUELA DR, Exquisite new constr w/rdn flair, pano view The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 SATURDAY 12-3 \$929,000
- 1955 MANZANITA, Montclair 4bd/3ba contemporary beauty, viesl Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212 \$589,000
- 5958 ALMADEN, Montclair, Ultimate privacy, view, unusual 4+3/4 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Landes 869-4225 \$529,000
- 11955 LOCHARD ST, Chabot Hills 5+1/4 nry nw, 4000 sf repo Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray Pruitt 287-5904 \$479,500
- 5 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller Hglands elegant 3/2+2 twnhse, patio, gdn The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 SATURDAY 2-4:30 \$424,000
- 223 TAURUS AVE, Bay/bridge wswl 4bd/3+ba, wraparound balcony Harbor Bay Realty, Anna Woo 865-4340 SATURDAY 1-4 \$344,900
- 1841 CARTER ST, Oakmore, 3/2, just listed! new kitchen & baths Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 339-4000 SATURDAY 1-4 \$339,000
- 101 MANDALAY, Upr Rockridge 2bd/2ba, new listing! dbl lot, pvcy Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 \$339,000
- 4401 BRIAR CLIFF RD, Oakland Hills 4bd/2ba w/bay wvl huge lot Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 \$334,000
- 3853/55 GREENWOOD, Crocker 4bd/2+ba 2 unit craftsman Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460 \$329,000
- 6709 THORNHILL, Montclair 3bd/2+ba contemp, fam rm, 2-car gar Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD \$304,500
- 6655 MOORE DR, Pied Pines 3bd/2ba, fab multi-purpose rm w/frpl Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036 \$299,500
- 1760 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4+bd/3ba tudor, walk to Village Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077 \$289,000

- 3040 TOTTERDELL, Montclair 3/2 cosmetic fixer, new listing Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, b. Randall 869-4242 \$269,000
- 1857 MAGELLAN, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, updated kitchen/baths, open beam ceiling, walk to village, Owner/Agent 748-5308 \$264,900
- 4406 WHITTLE AVE, Oakmore 3bd/2ba quiet retreat, new paint Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460 \$259,000
- 541 MANDANA, 3bd/1+ba Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 \$249,000
- 6650 ARMOUR, 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Mamood Mokhtar 486-1495 \$229,000
- 3056-54 BARTLETT ST, 2bd/1ba and 1bd/1ba duplex Mason-McDuffie, Mavina Chess 834-2010 \$215,000
- 5300 COLE ST, Fantastic 3bd/2ba family home, affordable Better Homes, Jody Edmonson 339-4000 \$177,900
- 9106 CASTLEWOOD, Luxury, views, location! 2bd/1ba Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lynda Hassan 869-4209 \$172,500
- 3014 MILLSBRAE, 3/2 nr Mills College, Spanish Med, FDR, garage Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300 SATURDAY 1-3 \$159,000
- 2315 23RD AVE, Large 3bd/1ba Victorian, huge backyard, charming! Constance Codling, Agent 436-9136 SUNDAY 1-4 \$130,000
- 3825 HIGH ST, Redwood Hts 2bd/2ba, 1 level, unique complex Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 \$119,950
- 10147 EDES AVE, Newly rehabbed 2bd/1ba, formal family room Constance Codling, Agent 436-9136 SUNDAY 1-4 \$99,000

### ALBANY Open Sunday

- 610 MADISON, Albany 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$205,000

### BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 1005 KEITH, Stunning 3+2 crftsmn, immaculate, spacious, bay vws Marvin Gardens, Sue 273-9510 \$386,000
- 737 SPRUCE, 3bd/2+ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495 \$389,500
- 1759 HOPKINS, 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 \$339,000
- 1304 BAY VIEW, Berkeley 2+bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495 \$300,000
- 1811 HOPKINS, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495 \$286,000
- 2104 DERBY, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Linda Wolan 486-1495 \$216,000
- 1475 CEDAR ST, Sunny spacious rooms, 2bd/1ba, Fr doors to deck \$218,000
- Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 SUNDAY 2-4 \$189,000
- 2029 CHANNING, 2bd City Homes, new bldg, nr UC/BART/Shops Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 SUNDAY 2-4 \$189,000
- 2806 GRANT, Berkeley 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495 \$154,000

### EL CERRITO Open Sunday

- 7202 A STREET, Sunny 4bd/2+ba, excellent location, nr schools Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$243,000
- 18 WILDWOOD PL, El Cerrito, 3bd/2+ba Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$184,000

### KENSINGTON Open Sunday

- 89 FRANCISCAN, New listing! Custom 2+bd, Carmel style, 1/2 acre Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 SUNDAY 2-4 \$388,000

### ORINDA Open Sunday

- 28 CEDAR LANE, 3bd/2ba, total privacy, magnificent vists! pool Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 SUNDAY 1-4 \$399,000

### RICHMOND Open Sunday

- 2524 CARLSON, R. Annex new listing! lg lot, spacious 2+bd/1ba Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X113 SUNDAY 2-4 \$155,000

### SAN LEANDRO

- 3075 BROOKFIELD AVE, Sheffield Village 2bd/3ba, hdwds, frpl Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 SATURDAY 2-4:30 \$215,000

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## 205 Workshops &amp; Classes

SATURDAY morning Tai-Chi class in the Redwoods  
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## 206 Found

CAT Lynx Point, tan, sweet, skinny, good fur  
Found Oakland Hills. Owner identity  
510-530-7827.

FOUND black cat in the 8700 block Skyline Blvd.,  
March 21, 531-2889.

CAT, white, Solano and Cerrito St. 526-2691.

KEYS (8) on ring, Under Kingston, top of mail box  
March 29th, 8 a.m. 654-2113.

CAT: small, long hair. One crossed eye. Robin-  
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TWO young black labs, 1 male, 1 female, also male  
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URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for  
homeless kittens. Call. Assistance provided  
March 51-44-3204

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Affectionate, friendly, neutered. Others available.  
Donation March 444-3204

SWEET male hamster, 4 months to good home,  
child-friendly. Berkeley 527-4115

## 208 Lost

LOST Diamond ring, Claremont Blvd./Belrose  
Ave. area. March 21st, large reward. 644-3306

## EDUCATION

## 302 Childrens Schools &amp; Camps

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**RELIABLE** attendant for disabled professional woman. North Oakland/Piedmont. Flexible hours, no experience necessary. 428-1831.

**LOVING** for adorable 2 year old. English, drive, light housekeeping. Monday-Thursday, \$71/hour. 526-8661

**LOVING** person, experienced with infants, 3 days/week. Generous salary, paid time off. Own car, CDL and references required. Upper Rockridge. Begin May 1. 655-5557

**FULL-TIME** childcare wanted for Infant in Upper Rockridge. Experienced, must have own car. 655-9052

**SEEKING** responsible, reliable, experienced nanny. Care for Infant in Montclair home. 30 plus hours/week. Excellent references/ drivers license a must. 339-6423

**ROOM/board** in exchange for before/after school care. 10 year old boy. Including light housekeeping. CDL, own car desirable, non-smoking. Oakland 834-1092

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**ALBANY** mother's helper, May 15-September 1, 15 hours week childcare, cleaning, errands. Driver's license/ references. English speaking. 525-3219, evenings

**410 Shared Childcare**

**SHARE** incredible caregiver full-time with my 10 month old daughter. Ivy 531-3228, Oakland.

**LOOKING** to share experienced, caring sister already hired, full or part-time. Our son is 18 months, want 1 other boy of similar age. Prefer our home in Oakland area (Glenview/ Piedmont/ Montclair). Call Mary Margaret evenings at 530-7002

**SHARE** loving, responsible caregiver with 3 year old daughter in Montclair home. Full-time preferred. 338-8044

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Personal, quality 24-hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704

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**SEALY** Posturepedic Premium queen size mattress set, firm, like new, \$250, with frame, \$275 530-4787

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**RUG**, wool Kirman, 8'10"x12'3", rich red, light blue, pink. Age: forty. Condition: excellent. \$2,500 (510) 339-3259

**CHINESE** Wood Rugs: Blue, 8x11. Teakwood, Green 5x8. Rose 2x6. \$65. Teakwood, Green 5x8. 656-0636

**606 Miscellaneous For Sale**  
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**\$795 ORINDA** Village new, unique 1 bedroom. Charm, woodsy, own patio/driveway, near BART. 254-1524.

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# Letters

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Students are out of school at 2 p.m. instead of the standard 3:21 p.m. There is no required fourth block. Except that on Thursday morning, March 14, at 7:30 a.m., I received a phone call, not from the school, but from another parent, to say that on Thursday there would be a mandatory fourth block because the students were not fulfilling state requirements and the school would have funding reduced. (Are Paul Daniels' and Bonnie Taylor's salaries reduced accordingly? I think not.)

When this information was conveyed to my son, he told me that a teacher had stated the fourth block was illegal, as they, the teachers, had not prepared to teach it. If so much time and effort has, allegedly, been devoted to working this schedule out, why does it have the appearance of such total lack of organization? What chaos!

This completely disorganized, chaotic two-week "Mock Block," represents a full month of lost curriculum. My son deserves better. This time can never be made up.

Arguments put forward by Paul Daniels and some of his cohorts were: reduced class size, fewer students per teacher, and less time lost by students moving from class to class. With the current schedule, the winners are definitely the teachers, who dismiss the students a full hour and 20 minutes earlier than at present. It seems our children's education is being sabotaged for teachers' self-interest.

At the expense of appearing ignorant, is my education so far in the dark ages that I cannot add up these figures and come up with a plus? My math, rather, comes up with a massive loss for those in whom the future is staked, our children.

It's time for revision. I know this was approved by the board, but barely. By Woody Snodgrass, who made the motion to approve and kept interrupting the discussion to ask for the vote; by Karen Fenton, who belabored some of the points without really saying much; by Charles Ramsey, who admitted he had insufficient information and did little more than ask continual procedural questions.

Diana Easton had obviously put more thought into it, and wasn't ready to approve block scheduling in its present form, as was Adrienne Harris-Pitts, although she abstained rather than make a firm decision. This really needs a lot more thought — a lot more revision — and a serious look at the issue of personnel, who if doing a bad job in 45 to 50 minutes, now have the opportunity to really muck it up for 90 minutes at a time.

If tax dollars are so important to our schools, how many will WCCUSD lose to other school districts by this disastrous course? Can I wait to find out? Or must I consider following others to a neighboring school now, as my son is suggesting?

Joanna Henrichs  
El Cerrito

## High hopes for Plaza's future

Editor:

I was very impressed and encouraged by the community informational meeting that the city put on to discuss the future of the Plaza (*The Journal*, March 14). The meeting was run very professionally and citizen input was gathered in an effective and inclusive way. The citizens who attended were well-informed and very interested in making positive contributions.

I was glad to see that after the experts spoke about what they thought would work at the Plaza we citizens were given an excellent chance to contribute ideas and opinions. Experts are needed for this type of development, but they don't have all the answers. They need to be guided by what the people of this city want. I trust the city will keep everyone involved to help make the Plaza a successful development.

As mentioned in your article, many people were concerned that new development in the city enhance our environment and provide good community space. They wanted to see development, but not at too high a price in quality of life or environmental problems. Many wanted to see good use made of BART and other public transit, as well as the chance to walk or ride a bicycle to the Plaza. (After all, El Cerrito is such a walk-able, bike-able town.)

I look forward to the future sessions, and hope people will keep turning out in such large numbers. Anyone who is interested should show up and have their say. We need everybody's ideas to help make the Plaza the best community space it can be.

Mike Daley  
El Cerrito

## Fruitless efforts

Editor:

The recent letters by Albany residents and this so-called group Citizens for Responsible Government (CRG), about Robert Zweben, the Albany City Attorney, are clearly an effort to discredit an Albany official who is doing his job. These letters are by the

same people who are trying to get Berkeley and the Sierra Club to join in their lawsuit against Albany.

The city attorney of Albany has done an excellent job of presenting Albany's legal views in each forum that these CRG people appear. Unlike his critics, Mr. Zweben answers questions honestly and in a straight forward manner. Unlike his critics, Mr. Zweben does not attack persons, he explains the issues.

I now hear that the Berkeley Police Department report on potential crime at the cardrooms contradicts the exaggerated claims made by these persons who are trying to pressure Berkeley into filing a lawsuit against Albany. Isn't it time to cease the personal attacks against Albany officials and stop trying to get Berkeley to sue Albany? I think so and hope the Berkeley City Council tends to the important issues in Berkeley.

Ray L'Esperance  
Berkeley

## Some basic remedies

Editor:

As El Cerrito residents and City staff end Phase 1 of a citywide effort to address local budget problems, it seems appropriate to remind ourselves that few California cities are or have been financially self-sufficient, especially since 1978 (Jarvis-Gann). Therefore, they have needed and gotten help through federal and state returns of a share of "grass-roots" taxes. But the federal aid has been reduced from 17.7 percent to 6.4 percent — a 64 percent decrease — since 1980 (U.S. Conference of Mayors).

Tax loopholes and subsidies to corporations and unnecessary military expenses have not been reduced. Since 1992 we have been assaulted by the "balance the federal budget" cry, although progressive economists tell us that budget-balancing could be achieved by income from fuller employment and drastic reduction in tax exemptions, subsidies, military cuts; with enough money to retain safety nets for the needy.

Our state aid was further reduced since 1992 by tax cuts for the wealthiest 1.2 percent of the taxpayers (California Tax Reform Association). Yet our local discussions revealed that some of us think self-financing is not only possible but would also assure a livable city. While we work on emergency solutions, let us also act on basic remedies:

1. Instruct our representatives on the League of California Cities and the U.S. Mayors' Conference

to agitate for fair taxes and a fair share.

2. Elect or re-elect budget reform legislation.

3. Change the two-thirds to a majority vote on fiscal matters.

4. Limit political campaign contributions as far as possible under existing law until agreement is reached on full public financing, along with free equal access to TV and radio time.

5. Develop truth-seeking activity to identify hidden sources which feed the public mis- and disinformation (Media-Watch, etc.).

6. Remove the state Prop. 13 discrimination against new home owners and the tax subsidies to corporations.

Meanwhile, as we work for basic reforms we need to volunteer in any way we can to help keep our beautiful.

## Give them a fair shake

Editor:

Well, cut off our ears ... we've heard it all and Robert Cheasty gets negative points as an Assembly candidate because he "previously was lawyer for Golden Gate Fields." We don't think Golden Gate Fields is in quite the same league as Medellin drug cartel! The track is, in fact, a legal business and is entitled to legal advice and representation.

Carla Woodworth is "criticized for being an opportunist" since she "previously considered running for auditor or supervisor."

Mark Friedman registered as a Democrat only years ago ... thereby apparently becoming ineligible for the Assembly under that party's banner. We didn't realize that there was a minimum time to complete pledge duties.

If you folks are going to play big-time political analysis, it would be worthwhile to give the candidates a fair shake.

Mike and Judy G...

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## Substance and Style at Mad River Produce

When Gregg Mufson came to the Bay Area from the big Apple (no pun intended), his goal was to open a produce store which combined personal and customer oriented service with the finest quality fruits and vegetables available.

After opening Mad River Produce in Berkeley (MRP), Gregg clearly achieved that goal. It is here that the discerning shopper with an interest in "A" quality, organically grown veggies and fruits will find a friendly home.

From the earthy, gigantic Portabella mushrooms to the choice watermelon radishes and tasty English peas, MRP offers a large variety of unusual vegetables as well as the regular staples.

I was particularly intrigued by the variety of dressings, many of

them non-fat, such as Pear Salad Dressing and Thai Black Bean Vinaigrette. Shoppers at MRP have demonstrated great enthusiasm for the wonderful salad bar which is exclusively vegetarian. Here the hungry shopper can partake of delicious fresh sandwiches and popular and zesty soups which are made from Gregg's own vegetarian stock. He almost never uses butter or cream, and even makes the croutons by hand.

As proprietor of MRP, Gregg has excellent credentials. His experience running a successful wholesale enterprise, which provided produce to such places as Le Cirque and the Plaza Hotel in New York, ensured his success in the Bay Area. A "hands on" entrepreneur, Gregg even painted the walls of his shop himself. MRP is steeped in natural light,

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and the deep red and gold tones of the walls are a fitting backdrop to the colors found in the produce itself.

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